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POLICE NOW REALLY SEEKING TO UNRAVEL THE PAGE MYSTERY!

HOUSE SEARCHED BY THE POLICE FOR CLUE TO MURDERER!

Every Nook and Cranny Being Subjected to a Thorough Ransacking, in Hope of Obtaining Evidence That Will Furnish a Suggestion as to Motive of the Crime or the Criminal's Identity---Women Now Being Considered.

TAKING AN ENTIRELY NEW COURSE IN THEIR EFFORTS TO GET SOME CLUE TO THE SLAYER OF MABEL PAGE, THE POLICE TODAY BENT ALL THEIR ENERGIES ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED BY THE AMERICAN, AND SEARCHED THE PAGE HOME FROM TOP TO BOTTOM.

EVERY NOOK AND CORNER, FROM THE CELLAR TO THE ROOF, WAS SCRUTINIZED BY THE STATE AND LOCAL POLICE. EVERY ARTICLE OF FURNITURE AND EVERY PARTICLE OF CLOTHING IN THE SLAIN WOMAN'S ROOM WAS MINUTELY EXAMINED, BUT NOTHING WAS FOUND WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE DETECTIVES TO SHED ANY LIGHT ON THE MYSTERY.

With powerful microscopes the officers carefully went over the blood-stained carpet in the room where Mabel Page was found dead. The chairs and table, the washstand and bureau, were put under the test.

The stairway in the house was put to the closest scrutiny in a search for blood stains.

It was thought by some of the detectives that the woman might have been killed on the ground floor, her body carried upstairs by the assassin and laid in her room.

Blood stains on the stairs would tend to confirm this theory.

The detectives did not abandon the other theories they are working on, but they centred their energies to-day on an examination of the home. It is thought that this should have been given the first consideration. As it is, hundreds of people have tramped through

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"YES, IT WAS I KILLED MY BROTHER," ADMITS YOUNG HARRIS DEXTER

PISTOL WENT OFF ACCIDENTALLY, HE SAYS, AND HE FEARED TO CONFESS.

Special to Boston American.

RANDOLPH, April 5.—Harris Dexter has confessed that he is the slayer of his little brother Parker. He has stated that the shooting was accidental, and occurred while both boys were playing in the bathroom. Harris found his father's revolver, and in a spirit of jest pointed it at the lad's head. A moment later he was horrified by a loud report. His younger brother fell with a bullet in the brain. Harris did all to revive him within his feeble power, trying to staunch the flow of blood and calling:

"Parker! Parker! Why don't you speak—are you awfully hurt?"

Realizing at last that the little lad was fatally wounded, the boy recovered the remarkable nerve that sustained him subsequently through the ordeal of police examinations and witnessing the anguish of his parents. He cleaned the revolver, replaced it where it had been found, and going to the home of E. B. Lothrop, told the story of murder by a black-bearded stranger which started a man hunt throughout Norfolk County.

When asked if Harris had confessed to killing his brother, E. T. S. Dexter, father of the boys, replied:

"Yes, but I don't want to talk about it. Ask State Officer Scott. I am too heartbroken to speak now. This has been a sad day for me. What must be told had better come from the officers."

There were tears in the eyes of both father and son.

"It has been hard to bear before; it is harder now," continued Mr. Dexter.

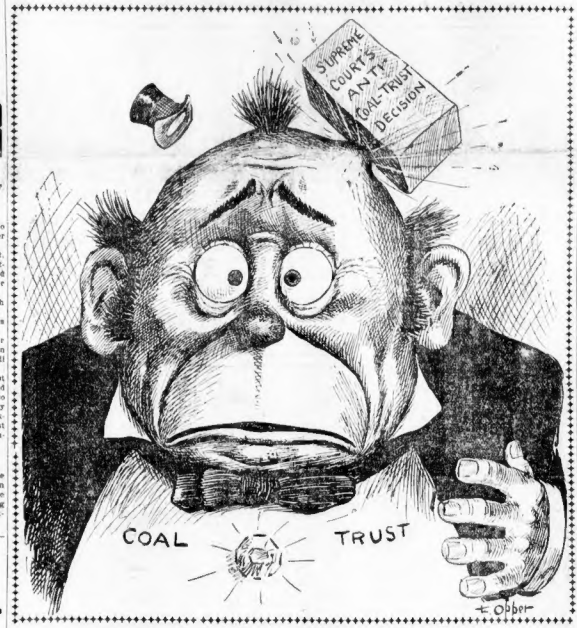
State Officer Scott refused to affirm or deny that Harris had confessed. "When the case is ready to be made public I will talk and not before," he remarked.

No warrant has been issued for the arrest of Harris, it is said by the authorities, and many townspeople believe that they are so firmly convinced that the death of the boy was entirely accidental that they are seeking the course which will ease the least grief to the stricken parents and the unfortunate boy.

ONE DRINK TOO MANY.

"Don't disgrace a man who takes one drink too many," said Representative Quinn of Boston at the State House, when he urged the enactment of a law authorizing the release of a person arrested for drunkenness for the first time.

A HOWL OF ANGUISH



"Who Threw That Brick?"

HEARST'S GREAT VICTORY OVER THE COAL BARONS!

Pronounced the Grandest Achievement by Any Individual for the Protection of the People and the Curbing of Monopoly

The Coal Trust has been beaten. Its efforts to shake off the pursuit of William Randolph Hearst have failed.

The Supreme Court has decided that Mr. Hearst, as a citizen, had a right to enter upon this pursuit in the public interest.

It has decided that, Judge Lacombe to the contrary, President Baer and his partners in the fuel monopoly must produce their contracts before the Interstate Commerce Commission and answer there the questions put to them by Mr. Hearst's attorney, which last Spring they refused to do.

The Supreme Court's decision is a death blow, not only to the Coal Trust,

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FALL RIVER MILLS TO RUN BUT HALF TIME

DEAR COTTON AND POOR TRADE LEAD TO CURTAILMENT OF WORK.

FALL RIVER, Mass., April 5.—The cotton mills here will curtail production by closing three days each week.

At noon to-day the treasurers of over half the mills stated their willingness to stand together in this matter. It is expected that every mill in the city, including the big plant of M. D. C. Borden, will follow suit.

High-priced cotton and poor demand for goods are the chief causes.

STORM GHETTO; SLAY SIX JEWS; WOUND 19

BULGARIANS HAVE ANTI-SEMITE RIOTS ALLEGING RITUAL MURDERS.

BERLIN, April 5—Anti-Semite riots are reported to have occurred at Lompalanka, Bulgaria. The mob stormed the Ghetto and killed six and wounded nineteen Jews. Many Hebrew houses at Sino have also been plundered, it is said.

The mobs gave as their excuse the usual rumor that ritual murders had been committed for Passover services.

STATION THREE GETS SHAKE UP

Captain Peabody of Police Station No. 3 has given his night force a jar by transferring some of the men to different beats.

Patrolman "Jack" Wynan, who has been on Green street for years, was sent to the Charlesgate.

Patrolman Sonneman, who has patrolling Chambers, Cambridge and Staniford streets, was sent to a beat which takes in one side of Beacon street and goes around the State House.

PARALYZED AS HE REACHED HIS OFFICE

TAUNTON, Mass., April 5.—Joseph E. Wilbar, register of deeds for Bristol County, North District, was stricken as he was about to enter his office in this city to-day. He was carried to his home, where he became conscious, but it is feared that one side is completely paralyzed.

The Weather.

For Boston and Eastern Massachusetts—Fair to-night and Wednesday; fresh westerly winds.

TWO WOMEN NOW UNDER SURVEILLANCE BY THE

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the house since the murder became known, and the detectives were seriously handicapped in their microscopical tests.

HOUSE GUARDED NIGHTS.

Fearing for his life and dreading the possibility that the same fate that befell his beloved daughter might be visited upon him and his son, Edward Page, the aged father of Mabel Page, who was stabbed to death, asked the police this afternoon to place a guard about his house both day and night.

Mr. Page has been in a highly nervous state since he fell in a swoon at the side of his dead daughter when he discovered her body upon his return home from Boston.

He fears that the man or woman who slew Mabel may break into the house and attempt to repeat the deed.

"I have not been able to sleep at night," said Mr. Page. "I have asked the police to guard the house for a while, at least, both day and night. The person who was fiendish enough to stab my daughter to death would do anything, and until the mystery is cleared I shall not feel that any of us are safe."

Police Chief Vittum told Mr. Page that the desired guard would be furnished. The men on duty during the day will be ordered to remain until they are replaced by others at night.

HERE'S A WORCESTER CLUE.

The police this afternoon learned that the well-dressed man seen about 1:30 p. m. the day of the murder hurrying past the home of Mrs. Charles H. L. Hunting was seen later to take a car for Worcester by Thayer Puller.

Mr. Fuller told of the incident, and gave a description of the man which tallied with that given by Mrs. Hunting. He said that the man had been walking fast, and was perspiring freely. It was between 2 and 3 o'clock when the man boarded the car, Fuller said.

In this connection the announcement on Sunday by the Rev. Frank A. Wiggin at a Spiritualistic service in this city that the murderer of Miss Page, if found, would be discovered in Worcester, is an interesting coincidence.

The police this afternoon directed their search of the house toward finding a weapon with which the crime could have been committed. The block of paper from which the woman tore the sheet upon which she wrote the note to her father will be kept by the police in ignorance as to whether it belonged in the house or not. If they find that it was not bought by a member of the family its owner will be located if possible.

A rumor spread to-day that the police had taken a woman into custody in connection with the case, but this was denied by General Whitney of the State police.

It was learned late afternoon that the cuts on the hands of Miss Page were made after she was dead, the same as those on the neck. It looks as though the murderer after the crime was committed deliberately mutilated the body, and this would indicate that the man or woman who did it was a maniac.

The cuts on the fingers were not made, the autopsy showed, by the knife being drawn across them, but they had been hacked.

District Attorney Talks.

In discussing the case this afternoon, District Attorney George A. Sanderson, after a consultation with Detective George C. Neal of the district, said:

"We have found nothing definite to determine whether the murder was committed by a man or by a woman. I have not received any written report from Dr. A. A. Mead, the medical examiner, but he made an oral report to me regarding the wounds of Miss Page's body. He described the wounds in the back, the stomach and the neck substantially as they have been given to AMERICAN readers, and remarked:

"Of course there is much speculation now as to the murderer. But still we have found something that leads more directly to the guilty person than anything else so far presented we can do little more than speculate."

The District Attorney had no comment to make as to the suggestion by which the examination of the body of Miss Page was made by Dr. Mead, who, after his first examination, failed to find that the woman had been murdered, and had taken up action on the matter and did not know whether he should do anything about it. The Medical Examiner, he said, is appointed by the Governor and is associated with the District Attorney only in some parts of his work.

No inquest has been ordered," he continued, "and I do not know whether there will be any. While inquests are held in such cases, sometimes they are not considered necessary. The main thing now is to find the murderer, and we are bending our energies to that end.

"The reports that have been made to me by the officers do not show more than has been published in the newspaper med. in fact, I guess you know that the girl had been murdered even before the medical examiner did."

This photograph was taken by a BOSTON AMERICAN photographer yesterday, at Weston, showing Edward Page and his son Harold together.

could not have stabbed herself in the back then in the heart and then twice in the abdomen, and finally cut her own throat. Yet when Medical Examiner Mead declared in the presence of Dr. Frost that Miss Page had died by her own hand the latter physician made no dissenting reply.

In order that sworn statements may be obtained as to what the various persons mentioned in connection with the case really know about it it is probable that an inquest will be held.

The refusal of the officials about the details of the tragedy because of the alleged reason that their publicity might defeat the ends of justice, it is now generally admitted, may result in this terrible crime joining the long category of unsolved murder mysteries that confront the police.

BELIEVE TUCKER'S ALIBI.

After putting Charles L. Tucker, of Auburndale, through a long and searching examination as to his movements on the day of the murder, the police came to the conclusion that he had an alibi, and did not detain him. The fact that the young man was in the vicinity of the Page home on the day of the murder, that he knew Harold Page well, and that he saw many persons near the scene of the tragedy about the time it occurred, make him one of the most interesting figures in the Page case.

Tucker is a well-built, good looking young man, and is inclined to be rather "sporty" in his appearance. He dresses well, and is inclined to take a light view of most of the incidents of life. When asked to explain his absence from home yesterday, he said:

"I went to Boston to enjoy myself; I was not going to remain around Natick from early in the morning and get back at night—any harm in that? Say, I told a couple of reporters all I knew about the Page murder, and I don't know as I care to tell any more."

The young man wore a short square cut sack coat, fancy flowered brown waistcoat and mixed trousers. Most of the time he carried a thumb in each pocket.

"What were you doing up at Page's at the time of the murder?" he was asked.

"Well, if it will do you any good, I'd just as lief tell you," replied the young man.

I went up there for a walk—that's all there is to it. I wasn't at the Page house when I couldn't see that I was going. From where I stopped on the slope of the side road at Dana Cutler's estate I saw Harold Page pretty well two or three years ago. He worked for the Boston and Albany railroad at the same time that I did, and I used to see him around at the Auburndale station where I sold tickets. I didn't say what they put me on for, or how long I was at it."

Asked about the inside of the house pretty well?" was asked.

"Oh, no, I didn't," said Tucker. "You see, I never had occasion to go there except when Harold Page and I were going out somewhere together. I didn't go in to-day. I haven't been in the Page house in a year and a half," declared Mr. Tucker. "The last part of the time Harold and I met had a speaking acquaintance; that's all.

"Well, are you going out to St. Louis or are you just going to stay around here now?"

"Stay right here," he replied. "I did think of going to St. Louis, and I wanted a friend of mine to go with me, but it's out of the hop, here now, I guess, for a while anyhow."

"Are you working here or are you going to do it Boston?"

"Not much work done," he did have, but I'm not doing anything at present and haven't been for some time."

"How about that strange man—the dark faced man you saw coming down the hill from Page's?" was asked.

"I didn't see any man walking down the hill. I did see one man digging in the middle of the road directly ahead of me coming up the hill on a team and a shovel. I didn't say what they put me on for, or how long I was at it."

Asked about the bicyclist was dressed, Tucker said:

"He wore a gray rear, didn't have a hat, but his clothes appeared to be dark. He was coming down the hill from the Page house, and that was the only stranger that I saw."

"What time was that?" was asked.

"Just 12 o'clock," he said. "I didn't stop, but came back home through the fields and got home about 1 o'clock in the afternoon. That's all I know about it."

WAS ENTIRELY AT HIS EASE.

Young Mr. Tucker was perfectly at his ease and appeared to be telling the truth.

The police have not yet run down the story that the well-dressed man was hurrying past the home of Mrs. Charles H. L. Hunting at about 1:30 o'clock Thursday. He carried his hat in one hand and wiped his brow with a handkerchief. He came from the direction of the Page home.

District Attorney Sanderson, it is said, has made a report to Governor Bates about the mistake made by Medical Examiner Mead in reporting the case as a suicide. When the Governor was asked about the matter, he said:

"I have nothing to say about that at this time."

It is thought that he will have something to say about the case later.

THE PAGES, FATHER AND SON.

$2,500 REWARD.

The selectmen of the town of Weston, acting under the provisions of the Revised Laws of the Commonwealth, offer the sum of $500, and in behalf of a number of their fellow-townsmen an additional sum of $2,000, making a total sum of $2,500, as a reward for information which shall lead to the arrest of the person or persons who murdered Miss Mabel Page at her home on South avenue, Weston, March 31, 1904.

FRANCIS BLAKE,
NATHAN S. FISKE,
ALFRED L. CUTTING,
Selectmen of the Town of Weston.

Weston, Mass., April 2, 1904.

Spurned Suitor Did It, Detective Holds

James R. Wood, head of the oldest detective agency in this city, who has probed many mysteries in the past, has analyzed the Mabel Page case for the BOSTON AMERICAN. Wood's conclusion is that Miss Page was the victim of some infatuated person, whose advances she scorned.

BY JAMES R. WOOD,
Head of Boston's Oldest Detective Agency.

I believe that the deed was done by some one who was intimately acquainted with the Page family and the house. It may have been done by a woman, but I do not think so. Miss Page, according to my belief, was slain by a man.

In seeking this man, we should first seek the motive. The motive for that terrible crime was an injury, real or fancied, jealousy, real or fancied, or infatuation.

Now there are any number of real injuries which might lead a man or a woman to take Miss Page's life. Those we can dismiss at once, for, by all accounts, she was a kindly, lovable girl, who never, I am sure, did an injury to anyone in her life. She certainly never hurt anyone in a financial way for her only use of money was in the home. She probably never had an enemy in the world, for she was not talkative or given to revealing scandal. The elimination of this "injury motive" leaves us jealousy and infatuation.

Woman Enemy.

Miss Page was a lovely woman, and well liked by all. It is hardly possible that she ever gave any woman occasion for jealousy. She was not the sort of woman to accept attentions from another's husband or sweetheart, either of which might cause the desire in a woman murderess to enter a woman's heart.

There is a possibility, which, however, I do not consider of much value, that she might unconsciously have caused jealousy in another woman's breast; but as Miss Page did not go out much in society, this can be considered.

Now we come to the last motive, infatuation. This can be divided into two parts—infatuation offered and spurned; infatuation unoffered and unspurned. Either of these motives probably figured in the crime, which, to me, was not conversant enough with the case to determine.

It is possible that some man was attracted to Miss Page and had attentions offered. This might have urged him to commit the crime. Or some other might have been taken with her face even though he had no speaking acquaintance with her. He might have watched her, learned that she was alone on that day, and gone to the house. There, upon being spurned, in might, have committed the deed.

So much for the motive.

WHO DID IT?

"Who committed the murder?

"From the evidence in the papers, it seems to me that the murderer was a person thoroughly familiar with the family and the house.

"This person knew well of her love for her brother. Therefore he took the story of her brother's accident to her. He had bodily injury to Miss Page in his heart, for he approached her with a deadly aim in his. It seems to me that on hearing of the news of her brother, she at once wrote the note. It seems to me that the murderer, from the letter, knew the character, for she was not talkative or given to recalling scandal. The eliminating of this "injury motive" leaves us jealousy and infatuation.

Where the Note Was Written.

"Where the note was brought she probably exercised herself and went to her room to dress. Cautiously he followed. He saw him in the mirror she may not have heard him, for her mind was full of her brother. Then she was struck down."

Police Looking for the Woman in the Case

"Cherchez la Femme!"

That is the police order of to-day. The men suspected of the murder of Mabel Page have, for a time at least, been eliminated from the case, and every energy of the detectives is bent upon the movements of a woman now under suspicion.

This theory is not new. The BOSTON AMERICAN on Friday morning last gave exclusively this idea, and now the police and all the newspapers are taking up the AMERICAN'S theory.

Two women are under police espionage. One is said to be socially prominent. The police are trying to connect her with circumstantial evidence, which may result in her arrest. This woman, the police say, has made attempts to learn the movements of a woman now under suspicion.

The woman theory is the most tangible at the moment.

WOULD NOT ADMIT A MAN.

Mabel Page never was known, in all the years, more than a score, in which she lived in Weston, to admit any man to her house when she did not know. It was wholly at odds with her known character-istics to lead a man into the house she knew down stairs while she ascended to her bedchamber to dress. No one but an intimate friend, and of her own sex, could enter Miss Page's chamber while she was in semi-undress, without her instantly turning upon the intruder whose form was revealed in the tall cheval mirror into which she was dressing.

With a strange man pried open the front house, as has been asserted, there would have been a struggle at the top of the stairs. A man unrecognized as an acquaintance and seeking only Harold was not admitted to the hospital, though she might have been taken into the parlor. There was no dislike for her room to dress for the trip into Boston, that not one of her friends who knew her characteristics thoroughly can be found who believes that she did anything of the kind.

It is believed that the murderer was a woman, and one who knew as an associate and confided in as a friend, whose form Mabel Page saw reflected in her looking glass as her visitor glided into the room behind her unsuspecting victim, to strike as the snake strikes its unresisting prey.

NEVER FORGOT HER DIGNITY.

Said her fathers's long-time friend and counselor in a request: "Mabel Page never forgot her dignity: no man ever was admitted if she didn't know him, and she had no gentleman pay her attention, may be bad, to my knowledge, and I've known her and the family for many years," she said, "if there was no dislike for her room to dress for the trip into Boston, that not one of her friends who knew her characteristics thoroughly can be found who believes that she did anything of the kind.

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NEVER FORGOT HER DIGNITY.

Said her father

POLICE IN THE MABEL PAGE MURDER MYSTERY

THE MURDER OF MABEL PAGE SHOWN BY PHOTOGRAPHS

(Stage set at the Tremont Theatre to represent Miss Page's room at Weston. Members of the "Peggy from Paris" Company posed. Miss Caroline Gardiner took the part of Miss Page. Flashlight photographs were taken of the scene.)

In the photograph on the left is shown the murderer at the instant h is knife was descending into the back of Miss Page. She had just seen his r eflection in the mirror, before which she was putting on her hat, her skirt lying across the back of a chair.

The photograph on the right was taken after the murderer had presumably stabbed Miss Page in the back and she had turned and was struggling with him for the weapon. She has it in one of her hands, but is so weak that her efforts to fight her slayer is only spasmodic and she sinks to the floor dead.

MINISTER SEES IN DRINKING AND VULGAR DISPLAY BY RICH CAUSE OF CRIME

Rev. Charles A. Crane Not Surprised at Epidemic of Murders in View of Conditions.

"To Stop Crime," He Says, "Stop the Crime Factories"; Great Responsibility on the Wealthy.

To the Rev. Dr. Charles A. Crane, pastor of the People's Temple, the epidemic of murders that has swept over Boston in the past two weeks is no surprise. In a statement made to the AMERICAN he blames the saloon, the vulgar display by the rich, and their disregard of the rights of their fellowman while insisting on the rights to property, for the fanning of the fires of hatred and envy.

BY REV. C. A. CRANE, Pastor of the People's Temple.

The blackest spot in the character of Napoleon is his carelessness of human life and his cheap estimate of it. And in the appalling epidemic of crime which is now sweeping over us like a flood, the most suggestive thing is the apparent indifference of the people.

When we read our daily paper and see fresh records of violence and death, we may shudder and perhaps sigh, but, unless the victim or the criminal be very near to us there is an end of any particular interest in the matter.

Men may sneer as they will at the inquisition of men here in America, but I do not halt to say that this fact is fruitful of crime and one cause of the present epidemic of murders. When we seek for causes for this condition we are not seeking to justify the guilty, but rather to find the incentives to crime. Men may hoot at the red flag of Socialism and call it the ensign and emblem of the "dangerous classes," but it is worth while to stop and ask who are the real anarchists. If the old Scripture be true, that "Covetousness is idolatry," there is a multitude of heathen right here among us who need to know and to feel the first touch of the Gospel.

TORCH-BEARERS OF REVOLUTION

Has it ever struck the rich that they are the dangerous class? If their excesses and base displays of wealth tempt the destitute, if their hands lie like burdens upon the oppressed, if they are regardful of the obligations of property and ever thinking of its rights, if they combine to beat the laborer in his struggle for bread for his little ones, if they flaunt their flags of ease and luxury in the faces of poverty and hunger, they are but the torch-bearers of revolution.

THE REV. C. A. CRANE.

Louis XIV., with his tyranny, and Louis XV., with his luxury, and Versailles and Mme. de Pompadour, and Mme. du Barry and the Oeil de Boeuf and the languid infamies of the Ancien Regime were the parents of the French Revolution, and the privileged monopolies of this time are guilty before God and men for not a little of the violence now epidemic.

Associated with the cause of crime is one more prolific and direct, one to which we bargain with God for gold and pander, for money, to envy, hatred, malice and lust. Everywhere the outbuilders of brutal passions still crowds our streets with the infamies of its victims and the wretchedness which dogs its heels. Still, when a newspaper fights this evil it is denounced as "yellow," and when a preacher cites his voice against it he is scored as "red," and both are spit upon by alleged philosophy, and spurned by so-called intellect, and insulted with shameful lies.

STOP THE CRIME FACTORIES.

All other causes of crime combined are in a hopeless minority when they are put by the side of intemperance. No sane man doubts that every one of the 254,408 places licensed to sell rum in our country is a place where crime is fed and strengthened. Here the fires of passion are blown by gales from Hell.

In spite of the loudly advertised "practical" way to handle the drunkard factory, drunkenness has increased 100 per cent in the last twenty years. Last year there were 340,625 arrests in this State, 67,088 for drunkenness. The crimes that flow from drink are not here mentioned. Their name is legion.

Did the suspicion ever cross your mind that some sort of infernal spirit may be, must be, at work among our modern Americans? What else can account for the fact that 100,000 men will go down to the drunkards' Hell this year from among us, and not one loud, loud protest goes up against this abomination of infamies? To stop crime, stop the crime factories. To stop criminals, stop your schools from which criminals graduate!

I am unalterably opposed to the union of the church and the State. I am as violently and constantly opposed to the union of the State and the saloon, that mother of crime. There is a principle of law founded in justice which says that we may not do by indirection what we are forbidden to do directly. If we do not directly make criminals through the rum traffic the connection between that traffic and the criminal is so clear and open to the vision of the world that he who runs may see it.

There is hardly any passion that scars and mars the souls of men which is not fed by rum. There is hardly a family in America which has not been stained and sanctified and plundered by this cruel thief, her along the highway of business, this pirate on the high seas of industry, this vermin on the body politic.

LONDON WANTS YOUNG CORBETT

As Young Corbett has his hands busy with Johnny Burdick all this week he was not prepared when the BOSTON AMERICAN asked him if he would fight Jabez White to say that he would take the English champion on next month before the National Sporting Club of London.

"I'm not ready to consider such an offer, though I never sidestep a match for money any time that I can match up right. My manager, Harry Pollock, is in New York for a few days, and when e gets back here I will talk the matter of meeting White over with him, as we go abroad soon," said the little Denver fighter, who has so many friends in Boston.

If Young Corbett battles with Englando premier lad at weight the excellent club of Sear ole Lennon will hang up a $1,000 purse according to a cabe message to Billy Jordan of Boston, its American representative, today.

Though the sum offered was not so large as the one gobbled up by the boys who figured in the recent fight at Pelsco, it may be sufficient to induce the Denver wonder to box the British champion.

BRIGGS TO BOX; NOT GOODWIN

By Boston American Leased Wire.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 5.—Jimmy Briggs of Boston, who last night defeated Jack Lowery in Portland in twelve rounds, will be the opponent of Charley Neary before the Badger Club here next Friday night, in place of Chester Goodwin, of Boston. The club made the switch this morning.

Many persons thought Goodwin too light for Neary, and the club decided on the change. This will be Briggs' first appearance in the West.

Briggs and his manager left for Milwaukee this afternoon before the above dispatch was received.

BOXING BILL GETS AHEAD

ALBANY, N. Y., April 5.—The Senate Codes Committee to-day reported favorably a bill which permits sparring exhibitions with gloves of not less than eight ounces between amateurs for a period not exceeding fifteen minutes.

The bill is amended to go into effect September 1. The bill was advanced to third reading and ordered reprinted.

OFFER FOR CANOLE AND HERMAN

It may be that Martin Canole will fight again on the Pacific coast, he made such a hit with Britt, in May next, with Kid Herman, of Chicago. An offer of a purse was received from the San Francisco A. C. by Matchmaker Billy Pierce, of Boston, who turned it over to the Fall River boy's handler to-day.

FIRE FOLLOWS EXPLOSION.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., April 5.—Fire early to-day destroyed the Casino Hotel and Theatre, a store and several stables in Emaus, covering two blocks in all. The cause was an oil tank explosion. Loss $35,000.

PAGE MYSTERY ANALYZED AND REVIEWED FOR AMERICAN BY EXPERT DETECTIVE

William Rowley, After Going Over All Known Facts, Believes a Robber Committed the Crime.

By His System of Elimination and Deduction He Concludes That the Assasin Was a Man.

William Rowley, of Drummond's Detective Agency, is making a special investigation of the remarkable Mabel Page murder mystery for the BOSTON AMERICAN. Writing at Weston after going over the scene of the tragedy and reviewing the facts so far known, he gives his conclusions in an article printed herewith.

BY WILLIAM ROWLEY, Expert Private Detective.

I have investigated the Mabel Page murder and thoroughly analyzed the different theories. The suggestion that the crime was committed by an insane and jealous woman, who formerly lived in the neighborhood, I think can be answered by the fact that the woman was well known, and would have been seen by the postman or by neighbors who passed the Page house about the time of the crime.

Woman Not Likely.

A woman would not have been a likely person to send from the Boston & Albany freight yards the false message about Harold Page's accident.

The pencil with which Miss Page wrote the message to her father was evidently lent to her by the murderer and returned, as it has not been found. Women are not in the habit of carrying pencils.

The knife found at the brook near the Page house was probably placed there by the person who found it. Its condition shows plainly that it could not have inflicted the wounds nor have remained in the damp ground since last Thursday.

The last person who saw Miss Page alive was the laundryman, Hayward. That was about noon, and Miss Page's message to her father states that she intended to leave for Boston on the 12:51 train. This fixes the time of the murder between 12 and 1 o'clock.

Seen by Six Persons.

No less than six persons say that they saw a man walking leisurely toward the Page house about noon and hurrying away in the direction of Auburndale some time later. He is described by all as being about five feet seven inches and weighing about one hundred and fifty pounds, of dark complexion, clean shaven, stockily built and wearing dark clothes and black derby hat.

When he was seen hurrying towards Auburndale he carried his hat in his hand, and was wiping the perspiration from his forehead, although it was a cool day.

The person who took the message to Miss Page must have been well acquainted with the members of the Page family and their habits, and chose a time when Mr. Page, Harold and the servant were away. The murderer probably intended to rob the house, which contains much valuable silverware, collected by Mr. Page.

My theory is that Miss Page left the house in response to the message, and that she either discovered that she had not time to catch the train, or that she had forgotten to change her skirt and returned. Meanwhile the murderer had entered the house and was caught by Miss Page in her bedroom.

It must be remembered that when Miss Page's body was found in her bedroom the hat was on, but no skirt. Her best skirt was folded over the back of a chair, while her house skirt was hanging in a closet outside of the bedroom.

She had probably slipped off this skirt before entering the bedroom, when she surprised the assasin who attacked her. Then, shocked by the enormity of his crime, he fled without securing any plunder.

Day of Comparative Calm at the Page Home

Weston took on its wonted peaceful air to-day for the first time since Mabel Page was slain in her home by an unknown assasin. Although far from presenting a scene of inactivity, there were not as many people at the scene of the tragedy, and the only outsiders present were the reporters, photographers and the State detectives.

Mr. Page and his son Harold arose early. After breakfast they went for a drive, taking the south road as far as Auburndale. They remained away for several hours, and upon their return both seemed greatly refreshed.

During the morning neighbors called at the Page house and offered to lend any aid in arranging the house, which was somewhat upset after the funeral yesterday. Mr. Page spoke to many of them for several minutes, but assured them Mrs. Fresenius, his daughter, and Amy Roberts could straighten out the household.

The State detectives came later in the morning and spent some time in the house. They conferred with Chief Vitum, and another search was made through the woods and fields for the knife with which the murder was committed. The searchers remained away for several hours.

The police now feel that all hope of recovering the weapon is lost. Every inch of the ground for a quarter of a mile in the vicinity of the house has been traversed by reporters and detectives, but not the slightest trace of any weapon has been found.

The detectives again carefully questioned the townspeople with a view to learning of any suspicious looking strangers who were in Weston on the day of the tragedy, but no light was thrown on the mystery by anybody. Theories are constantly advanced, but upon investigation they are found to be without foundation.

ROOSEVELT AND VAN SANT.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 5. Governor Van Sant has stated to friends his intention of appearing before the Republican National Convention as a Vice-Presidential candidate. He is a delegate at large from Minnesota.

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AUBURN, N. Y., April 5.—Through the decision of Surrogate Woodin rejecting the will of the late Albert G. Burtis, a well known gambler, as a forgery, Miss Elizabeth Cook Burgess, a twenty-two-year-old woman of this place, loses a fortune of $500,000. The decision is the result of a long contest made by Edwin C. Burtis, a brother of the gambler, and Garry B. Burtis, the father.

RICH DIVORCEE WEDS OVERSEER

SPRINGFIELD, April 5, 1904.—Mrs. Florence Holbrook, grand-daughter of D. R. Wesson, the multi-millionaire revolver manufacturer, was married this afternoon to William B. Houghton of Marlboro, Vt.

Mrs. Holbrook was recently divorced from her first husband, George M. Holbrook, son of George B. Holbrook, treasurer of the American Writing Paper Company, the decree not becoming operative last Wednesday. Mr. Houghton was formerly overseer of Mrs. Houghton's farm at Marlboro.

SHOT DANCING WIFE AND SELF

By Boston American Leased Wire.

NEW YORK, April 5.—Shot twice by her husband before he ended his own life with a bullet, Mrs. Frank Gifford, twenty-two years old, a bride of eight months, is dying in St. John's Hospital, Long Island City.

Mrs. Gifford's husband could not dance, and it made him jealous to see his wife dancing with other men.

BRILLIANT OPENING OF THE OPERA SEASON IN BOSTON

Scene in the Parterre of the Boston Theatre Last Night.

With Characteristic Photographs of Some of the Boston Society Women Who Were Present.

Fashionable Throng Fills the Boston Theatre to Overflowing at the First Performance; "Lohengrin" the Opera, Ackte, Walker and Herr Kraus the Stars.

IT was a notable opera night. Society, emancipated from forty days of self-denial, rushed into self-indulgences with all the whirlwind impetus of the Easter jubilee. Fashion was the handmaiden of religion. And in box and stall and orchestra seat, the eye of the beholder might have run the whole gamut of the modiste's and milliner's creation in the Boston Theatre last evening.

In the select quarters of Patrician Row set the notables of Boston. And, like all Bostonians, they did not transcend the bounds of Boston decorum in matters of dress.

Elegant and costly and resplendent were their costumes. But never did a gown decollete nor a waist sleeveless transgress the unwritten law of the Bostonian well bred.

Restraint was the watchword, in appliques as well as in wardrobe. Decorous, becoming and well-timed were the plaudits which musical and social Boston bestowed upon Conried's competent family of songsters.

But up in the second and third balconies it was different. Here, in a Plebeian "heaven," sat the real, unrestrained enthusiasts. In modest shirt waist and plain skirt were the daughters of divine art. In rough and ready street costume were their sons and sweethearts and brothers and fathers. Theirs was the enthusiasm of the lover.

Unhampered, untaught, their insistent applause dominated the house, and the answering light of acknowledgment in the footlight faces were their reward.

Never has there been in Boston such universal approval, from pit to gallery, of the players' endeavor than that of last night. Mme. Aino Ackte, a native of Finland, accredited herself to everyone's satisfaction, and reminded the gray beards of the fact that Jenny Lind, too, was a Scandinavian.

Miss Walker shared the popular demonstration with her, and gave all the native born a chance to patriotically applaud an American girl.

Lohengrin, in the person of Mr. Kraus, appealed by reason of his big, powerful voice and intense dramatic fervor. Friedrich von Telramund was well sustained by Mr. Goritz, and the same can be said of Mr. Blass, as Heinrich der Vogler. Mr. Fuhlmann's voice was well liked, and he acquitted himself effectively in the less showy role of the Herald.

In stellar parts, the company was pronounced well balanced and satisfying by the great majority of commentators.

FIRST NIGHTERS' WERE PROMPT.

Promptitude characterized the first nighters' appearance. Before eight o'clock seated themselves. Many came from dinner parties, and little groups of three and four and half a dozen threaded their way down the aisles long before the orchestra had put in an appearance. These were free interruptions, when, at length, Herr Emil Mollenhauer gave his preliminary signal and the hundred musicians launched into the first strains of the beautiful, but ever beautiful overture.

The boxes were not all occupied. In four of them sat Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hayden, Heinrich Conried and Mr. Gadsky. On the floor about half or two thirds of the seats were taken by prominent Bostonians.

The subscription list shows a formidable array of the ultra fashionable of the city, but the majority of them did not grace the performance of last night.

Between the acts there was much nodding of heads, bowing of lorgnettes and neighborly visiting among the socially elect. In the lobbies the swish of silken skirts and the bobbing of crush hats filled the place with the unmistakable flavor of family intercourse. There were comments on the performance, mostly of them to signal the finishing and indiscriminate notation of orchestral effects.

"Awful bore, isn't it?" asked a blase Gothamite, who had run over to see how the Metropolitan stars would shine in the rarified firmament of the Hub.

"No. I think it's perfectly superb," gushed a Beacon street belle in the language unintelligible.

"Poor house, but a bang-up show!" was the brusque verdict of a portly business man from State street.

Too bad! The "unknowns" are doing splendidly to-night," was the Harvard professor's rejoinder.

"How do you like the prima donna?" asked callow youth of a wrinkled-browed critic, who has been "doing" opera for 20 years.

"Mediocre in the first act, better in the second and best in the third," came the expert opinion, in laconic sequence.

"Oh, I do hope they'll be through in time for supper at the Touraine," sighed a beauty, and by no means hungry looking a dowager of florid complexion and ample outline, at the end of the third act.

But her ravori didn't release her until the curtain was rung down. It was 12:45, and the matron went to a supperless retirement.

In the seats of the mighty, where Seasonal gowns clowned Germany, and France and Holland and Italy and Spain were sprinkled here and there the conversation waxed and warmed into the dignity of expert argument, in the Valgaia of music, every tongue was unloosed, and the merits and demerits of the fancy-salaried parties in the cast had to run the gauntlet of merciless criticism.

BUT ONE FLIPPANT REMARK.

Only a giddy shop girl, absorbed with her gum chewing, offered a flippant remark.

"The prima donna's too high-shouldered," she asserted. To which her soutmate acquiesced. She was a cloak model and knew about those things.

White-haired women, alm, modest girls, wrinkled, long-haired musicians and whole families of Germans kneed their chins and sat like carven figures as they breathlessly followed each memorable line in the old, familiar story.

To the players came abundant reward. There were four curtain calls at the end of the first act, and the prima donna was remembered with a lily of the valley token whose modesty was probably not commensurate with the donor's admiration.

After the second act, and the fifth recall, the singers would not let Conductor Motti escape, but dragged him on to share that part of the honors which were obviously his.

When the curtain dropped at 12:45 regrets were that there was not more. Plain, but "Lohengrin" had made a hit. And as the will-o'-wisp lights of a hundred cabs and carriages whisked away into the darkness there were final adieus and wavings of hands and promises to meet again on

For to-night it's "Carmen," with the "Divine Calve" in the cast.

SOME OF THE GOWNS AT THE OPERA

B

Miss BATCHELDER, who was in Mrs. B. F. Keith's party, wore a white veiling gown, done elaborately in lace and chiffon. She had a white ostrich feather boa, which fell to her feet, and wore white tips in her dark hair. A wrap was a cape of white cloth.

Miss BACHAUS, Philadelphia, who has been visiting Xavier with friends, was attractive in a pale gray and white checked silk gown which had very pronounced stripes. It had a wide sash of pale blue and black striped satin which formed the bodice, the ends falling to the hem of her gown. Her stock was of pale blue and she had a pale blue picture hat, with a wreath of the full blooms.

Miss RACHAEL BROOKS, who was with her mother, Mrs. James Jackson, in the first row of the balcony, was very pretty in a costume of white chiffon and lace. The bodice was done in narrow lace insertion and was trimmed in a deep pointed collar of cream lace.

Mrs. EDWARD H. CLEMENT, who was with Mr. Clement, was very artistic in a simple gown of black silk trimmed in fagoting of the black. She wore a lace scarf draped on her shoulders.

Mrs. MILLS CRANDON, who was shown front to the orchestra with Mr. Poulton, was gowned in white satin and lace. The bodice showed in panels aimed down. The ruched skirt had black lace trimming it at insertion, with white chiffon under. Her bodice was exquisite in white satin and black lace with touches of silver braid.

Mrs. CHARLES H. CLARK wore a handsome gown of white lace, the skirt of which was very full and in points. The waist had no trimming save the lace yoke, which was long sleeves were trimmed with the graceful arrangement of the same material, which fell in a point over the hand. She, who is a striking beauty, was one of the most beautiful women in the house.

Mrs. WILLIAM COOLIDGE wore a pale blue gown, trimmed with white lace, the latter forming the full, long sleeves. The skirt was trimmed with full lace insertions. She wore a white chiffon scarf, the ends of here neck and in her hair was a large gold comb.

E

A cream lace gown which Miss ELIOT wore was one of the most striking dresses in the audience, although it was severely plain, it requiring much little trimming. It was made en princesse with a trained skirt and was tight fitting. The gown proper was made over white chiffon and had satin, a deep ruche of the former material edging the skirt. The yoke was formed by rows of lace, the collar of inserts some two inches in width, fastened in front with a large rhinestone buckle. The sleeves were of lace, which widened at the bottom. She wore a huge bunch of Russian violets and carried the violets.

Miss LOTTIE ELLERSON wore a creation of white chiffon and lace, which was very pretty in its beauty, and by no means hungry looking. A dowager of florid complexion and ample outline, at the end of the third act.

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F

Miss FANNY T. FRENCH, the president of the Thursday Morning Musical Club, who was in the side balcony, was gowned in dark blue and lace. She wore a dark wrap trimmed in sable furs.

G

Mme. GADSKI, of the opera company, occupied the right hand balcony box with her young daughter. Mme. Gadski looked well in a gown of pale gray panne velvet en traine. The skirt was trimmed in bands of fur and she wore a huge hat of gray velvet trimmed in pale pink flowers. She wore some exquisite pearls and a girdle of gold braid caught with gold buttons completed her costume.

Miss KATHERINE GOODALE wore a pale gray gown of chiffon over taffeta silk. The skirt was full and had rows of circular tucks each of which was edged in narrow lace. The bodice was of chiffon and the sleeves were effectively used on the gown. She wore three or four diamond combs and a diamond brooch.

H

Miss S. HARRINGTON were one of the prettiest gowns seen last evening. It was of white accordion plaited crepe de chine and the skirt was finished within a foot or so of the bottom where Dresden figured white taffeta silk was let in, flowed in the delicate pastel shades. Her bodice was done in bolero effect almost entirely, and it was edged in white chiffon and narrow satin ribbon. The chiffon also formed the yoke of her gown. She wore a pearl collar.

Mrs. JONAH HAYDEN, who, with her husband, occupied the lower right hand box, was gowned in white silk en traine, trimmed in small ruffles. Her bodice was done in white lace, and she wore a collar of pearls and white taffeta ribbon, which fastened in the front.

Mrs. M. L. HENDERSON was handsome in a pale blue moire antique gown. The skirt was plain, being made in large flat box plaited effect. The bodice was cut in a point at the back and front and was finished with white net, which fastened at the left side of the corsage with a large rhinestone buckle. The sleeves were full and edging the gown. The waist of the gown was of white lace, the skirt of which was very full and in plaited effect and entirely covering the waist. The yoke was formed by rows of lace, which fastened in front with a large cut steel button. The collar was of pale blue velvet and white taffeta was stitched closely in the form of a steel sequins and she wore a large bunch of Russian violets.

Miss JULIET HIGGINSON, who was with the orchestra with friends, was gowned elaborately in pale gray crepe de chine. The skirt, which was in train, was done in narrow ruffles. The bodice had the effect of a Zouave jacket, and was of white chiffon. In her dark hair were sprinkled combs.

Mrs. S. HENRY HOOPER wore silk and net and a large pale gray fur boa. Her wrap was a cape of French blue cloth done in chinchilla.

Mrs. JOHN HOOPER wore a handsome gray satin gown, the bodice of which formed the shoulder straps over her long sleeves and hung very nearly to her elbows, where they were finished in large fetish ruffles. The skirt was in train and fell full. The waist was done in front and sides, falling in fine folds, giving a draping effect. She wore a pearl collar and pearl combs, and carried a white stones. In her hair she wore a stylish pale blue aigrette. Her wrap was a cape of blue cloth, trimmed in chinchilla.

Miss CAROLINE HOOPER, of Miss. Emma Eames, wore a pale gray gown, the skirt of which was of pale gray satin striped in black. She wore sapphire pins trimming it, and in her hair she wore jewelled combs.

J

Mrs. RICHARD HAMLIN JONES, former president of the Chromatic Club, looked very handsome in pale buttercup yellow satin brocade, the skirt of which was finished in a narrow ruche of the same material. She wore quantities of cream lace on her bodice and her wrap was a handsome affair of white broadcloth, set off with white feather trimming.

K

Mrs. BENJAMIN F. KEITH, whose son, Mr. A. Paul Keith, accompanied her, was gowned in pale gray crepe de chine, made up with gray appliques. Her sleeves were of the gray crepe to the elbow where they had long streamers of gray lace and chiffon, which fell very nearly to the floor. She wore a large hat of the same shade, and her wrap which fastened on the front was of gray cloth. Her jewels were diamonds and emeralds.

L

Miss MARIE WARE LAUGHTON, the ex-State vice-regent, D. A. R., and principal of the School of English, Music and Expression, was gowned in a stunning creation of pale lavender chiffon, made up over silk of the same shade of changeable lavender and pink silk—the latter showing in the puffs. The skirt was done in a deep pointed ruffle of chiffon, the soft filmy material which was trimmed in small ruffles and edged with a narrow satin ribbon of the same shade. On each shoulder was a large bow of the satin, the ends of which fell to the edge of the skirt. With this costume Miss Laughton wore long black suede gloves. In her hair she wore a black jetted aigrette.

Mrs. AMOS LAWRENCE was very handsome in a pale blue satin gown with broade goods, en traine. She wore with her gown a yoke of lace over her bodice was done in white lace. The lace was in deep points, the latter forming a rolling collar and cuffs being of chinchilla fur.

Mrs. GEORGE LOVELL was one of the prettiest women in the house, was distinguished by the beauty of her gown and the richness of her jewels. The skirt was of white satin, trimmed in ribbon, insertion and lace, the latter showing through the bodice, which was of white chiffon transparent effect. The waist was so made as to form a point in front and back, and was finished with a deep ruche of the chiffon, which was accentuated in the corsage. The effect in black and white was unique and very pretty. Mrs. Lovell wore a black and white ostrich feather in her dark hair and carried a large bunch of lilies. Her long gloves were of white suede. Her elbow sleeves (the latter tight fitting and finished with a jetted band) were also stitched in black.

M

Miss MANNING wore a becoming creation of pale pink crepe de chine, effectively combined with pink panne velvet and touches of silver passementerie. Her skirt, which was en traine, was box plaited and her bodice was closely strapped with the same shade of velvet, which was also used in the collar. The sleeves were of the crepe de chine. Her high stock had the jabot effect in pink chiffon.

P

Mrs. JOHN C. PHILLIPS wore a dark blue velvet gown with a pointed yoke of white lace, the velvet falling in loose bolero jacket effect. The sleeves were of velvet and tight fitting to the elbow where they were finished with a deep ruffle of lace. She wore a diamond necklace of diamonds and sapphires, the latter predominating. She had on a white aigrette, with diamond ornament. Her wrap was a white feather boa.

Mrs. CALVIN PIERCE, who is visiting here for a few days from her home in Cincinnati, was especially handsome in a gown of pale gray satin duchess. The skirt was in train and was trimmed in chinchilla. The trained skirt had a puffy effect of a foot or so in depth which was finished in a ruched flounce. The bodice had a close fitted yoke which was extremely becoming to Mrs. Pierce's slight figure. The yoke was of white lace and was not trimmed in any trimming. She wore a deep pointed collar of heavy cream lace which was fastened at her throat with an exquisite diamond brooch. Her gloves were of palest turquoise blue satin ribbon and a knot of satin of the same shade was worn in her light hair, the latter becomingly dressed low in the neck.

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S

Mrs. RICHARD SALTONSTALL wore an effective creation of mode satin en traine with some beautiful lace as trimming on her corsage. In her dark hair she wore a number of combs set with small diamonds. Her wrap was a cloth cape trimmed in a deep collar of fur.

Miss STEVENSON, who was with her boss by Saltonstall, was one of the prettiest girls in the house. She wore a very great gown with full trained skirt, the latter trimmed in small ruffles. The bodice was also trimmed in full effect in white tulle, caught at the left side of the corsage with a large turquoise blue satin bow. Her high stock was of white lace.

T

Miss ADELE G. THAYER was gowned handsomely in pale blue satin and white chiffon and lace. Her gown had the skirt en traine of satin, which fell blousé effect in the yoke was of white chiffon and lace. The same delicate material was used in the sleeves, which were dressed low, she wore some beautiful combs of Roman gold.

W

Miss LILLIAN WATERMAN was dressed in a beautiful gown of mode panne velvet, the bodice of which had a deep pointed vest of white accordion plaited chiffon, edged with narrow point lace and a tiny bias band of cerise satin. Her trained skirt was also trimmed in cerise satin, forming graduated rows of shirring. She wore elbow sleeves, which were extremely full, and finished at the elbow with a narrow ruffling of the cerise satin, where they fastened under long black glace kid gloves. Her pearls were beautiful, and in her hair a small fashioned brooch set with pearls, particularly the old-

Miss WETHERELL was gowned in black panne velvet, the skirt of which had trimming under Manfred. The front panel of the skirt was elaborately trimmed. Her bodice had large sleeves, finished at the elbow with a ruffle of lace. Her jewels were diamonds and pearls in her hair, the effect a tiny crystal butterfly. A small metal comb was worn around her neck, from which hung a pair of jewelled gold lorgnettes.

PROMINENT BOSTONIANS PRESENT.

Among the well-known Bostonians in the audience were Hon. Robert Treat Paine, Amos Lawrence, Richard Sears, John Smithson, Edward Grew, Arthur Hazelton, Hugh Cotton, Judge Loring, S. S. Rhodes, M. E. F. Fennell, Franklin D. Field, Samuel Cabot, Theodore E. Lothrop, Dr. M. G. Scattuck, John G. Morris, Frederick Ayer, Mrs. Isabella D. Weld, George Meyer, Francis E. Peabody, Mr. C. Parsons, Edward H. Abbott, J. L. Choate, Ulysses Dexter, Osborne Howes, George Howes, Dr. Samuel G. Williams, Charles W. Clapp, Dr. Samuel Wolcott, Mrs. Wolcott, Mrs. Edward Wigglesworth, Miss Wigglesworth, Frank Jones, Mrs. Jones, Charles C. Batchelder, Harry B. Wood, Mrs. Wood, James Sawyer, S. Sheldon, H. L. Higginson, Mrs. H. L. Higginson, Walter C. Perry, Henry Parkman, Jr., Mrs. Parkman, Mrs. Robert Bacon, Mrs. B. Cabot, Mrs. Augustus P. Loring, Mrs. Frederick Weld, Mrs. Henry Lee Higginson, Arthur K. Stone, Mrs. H. L. Stone, Mrs. Charles Ellis, Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Frederick Ayer, Miss Lucy Lyndall, Miss Bertha Hammer, Miss Mary E. Hammer, Miss Ethel Hammer, Miss Mary Hemenway, Miss Helen L. Dana, Mrs. Harry Shaw, Mrs. Fanny W. French, Miss Mary Louise Parker, Miss Mary Parker, Miss Edith K. Moore, Miss Edith D. Torrey, Miss Edith K. Moore, Mrs. Charles Hayden, Miss Hayden, Miss Caroline A. Bowditch, Mrs. Caroline A. Bowditch, Miss Bowditch, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. G. H. Shaw, Mr. H. Morgan, Alexander Mayfield, Francis Skinner, Miss A. E. Sawyer, E. S. Draper, Miss Elizabeth Cheney, Mrs. Cheney, Miss Ethel Cheney, Miss Ethel Bullard, Mrs. Bullard, Miss Bullard, Miss Alice Bullard, Mrs. G. Weld, H. G. Shaw, Mrs. W. H. Rogers, Mrs. H. Blackpool, Mrs. J. C. Phillips, Samuel P. Lawson and Mrs. W. H. Ames.

CRITICAL VIEW OF THE PRODUCTION

"Lohengrin" brought forth no singers of fame, although, of course, the repute of Mme. Ackte, Miss Edith Walker and Mr. Gorgitz had preceded their appearance in this city.

Mme. Ackte, who has won recognition as a singer at the Paris Opera; Miss Walker, an American who has for several years been a favorite in Vienna; Goritz, a German baritone, and Felix Motti, a conductor of world-wide fame, all made their first bow to a Boston audience, and were received most cordially.

For more than a half century "Lohengrin" has stood the test of time. As to whether it is among the greatest works of Wagner opinions of critics the world over have differed since its writing. Unquestionably "Lohengrin" is more pleasing to the uncultivated ear than the other of Wagner's works—so true is it true that many people think less of it on this account.

Boston audiences are notoriously cold, especially to those things that bear the stamp of newness. It took that of last night a long time to thaw, for there was a preponderance of the new in the programme. The leading singers, the conductor, everything but the opera itself, were unknown except by reputation to Boston. Even that was almost new as an opening attraction.

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GRACED BY HANDSOME WOMEN IN BEAUTIFUL TOILETTES

Some of the women at the opera last night, and the clothes they wore, drawn by Miss A. Bradshaw, the celebrated New York fashion artist, being accurate sketches of the ladies and their costumes.

Conried's Stars of Song Dimmed by the Stars of Fashion That Made the Boxes, the Stalls and the Parterre a Vision of Beautiful Women and Costumes.

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Other operas have usually been selected to begin the Boston season—"Faust," "Carmen," "Seigfried," "Aida" and "The Huguenots."

MME. ACKTE A GOOD ELSA.

Mme. Ackte made a good impression as Elsa. Her voice is a lyric soprano of pronounced type. From the very beginning her training has been accomplished with the desire to accentuate the lyric quality. The personal attractiveness of the singer is also distinctly great, so great that the eye helps the duties of the ear. The [illegible] of Mme. Ackte's training can [illegible] be called in question. She is extremely careful in bearing, and possesses the necessary quality of dramatic fire. Mme. Ackte is an actress of no mean ability. Had she been an actress pure and simple, instead of a grand opera singer, she would probably never have "set the world afire"; yet she doubtless would have compelled attention by the finesse of her art and the qualities of sincerity and spontaneity. The significance of this in connection with her performance of Elsa may be apprehended only when it is remembered how deficient in real histrionic power the average grand opera singer really is.

"A voice not cold, yet lacking in warmth," would seem to be a fair statement of the case as applied to Mme. Ackte.

MISS WALKER WELL RECEIVED.

Considerable curiosity was manifested to hear Miss Walker's voice. On the whole it met expectations. It has a wide compass and unquestionably possesses the true contralto quality. It is a distinctly dramatic voice, musical to a degree, there being absolutely no trace of the forced and artificial qualities, or rather lack of qualities, so often found in dramatic singers of her class of voice. As an actress, the impression created was not quite so favorable.

There was nothing especially distinctive about Mr Kraus. He appears to be lacking in the very essential quality of appellem required by the character of Lohengrin. This tenor has grown somewhat stouter since his last appearance here.

Mr. Goritz was well received. His baritone voice is somewhat conventional in range and quality, but he is an earnest singer and is imbued with a sincerity that is unquestioned.

Herr Mottl is now generally accepted as the leading Wagnerian conductor and his handling of last night's opera would appear to bear out this claim in his behalf. He has a mastery of orchestra and voices that is absolute, and neither the beauties nor the force of the score escape him.

"CARMEN" AND CALVE TO-NIGHT.

"Carmen" will be sung to-night with Calve in the title part. The full cast follows:

Carmen	Mlle. Emma Calve
Micaela	Miss Margaret Lotus
Frasquita	Miss Fanis Bolp
Mercedes	Mme. Scalchi
Don Jose	M. Saur
Escamillo	M. Goritz
Zuniga	M. Reiss
Morales	M. Dufriche
Dancaire	M. Bars
Prima Ballerina	Mlle. Eloise Vesse
Remendado	M. Bem
Conductor	Mr. Felix Mottl

The other announcements of the week are: Wednesday afternoon, "The Magic Flute"; Wednesday evening, "Tosca"; Thursday evening, "Die Walkuere"; Friday evening, "The Barber of Seville" and Cavaleria Rusticana"; Saturday afternoon, "Romeo and Juliet"; Saturday evening, "Tristan and Isolde."

Next week's repertory is announced as follows: Monday, "Aida"; Tuesday, "Siegfried"; Wednesday afternoon, "Faust," evening, "L'Elisir D'Amore" and Delibes' ballet "Coppelia"; Thursday "Tannhauser"; Friday, "Marriage of Figaro"; Saturday afternoon, "Carmen," evening, "Gotterdammerung."

MISS ANDREW WED IN TRINITY

Surrounded with a profusion of Easter floral beauty at high noon to-day in Trinity Church, Miss Cornelia Andrew, a granddaughter of the famous Civil War Governor of this State, was married to Dudley Clark, of the Old Colony Trust Company, a stepson of the late Dr. Engleman.

The ceremony was performed by Bishop Lawrence in the presence of a large circle of the ultra fashionable people of this and other cities. The bride and bridegroom have a host of friends, many of whom were present to shower the popular young couple with congratulations.

A younger sister of Miss Andrew acted as maid of honor. She had eight bridesmaids, who included her two cousins, Miss "Susie" Thayer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene V. R. Thayer, and a debutante of the current year, and her cousin, Miss "Sally" Thayer, a daughter of Mr. "Nat." Thayer, who made her debut early in the season.

Miss Mary Head, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Head, who is a "sister debutante" of the bride this season; Miss Mary Bigelow, who also came out and was presented at court last spring; Miss Susanne Palmer, who, with Miss Louisa Hunnewell, Miss Fanny Dwight and Miss Louisa Clark, completed an extremely attractive octette. Dr. George O. Clark, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man, and the Boston ushers included Mr. William Dickerson, Mr. Joseph T. Lovering, Mr. Frederick B. Sears, 3d, the others being Mr. Malcolm B. Stone from Philadelphia, and Mr. Victor Mather, Mr. Charles de L. Oelrichs and Mr. Austin Gray of New York.

A reception followed the ceremony at the home of the bride, No. 32 Hereford street.

MISS WHITTIER AN APRIL BRIDE

Invitations are very general for the church ceremony attending the wedding of Miss Pauline Whittier and Ernest Iselin, at noon to-morrow at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York. The invitations for the reception and wedding breakfast which follows at the residence of Mr Iselin's parents are somewhat limited.

The bridal gown, designed and made by Mally O'Hara of New York, is a wonder of lace and satin. The dress is of rose point set with long round train covered with flounces of old point lace put on in festoons and trimmed with orange blossoms. The waist is of the net, with lace arranged to fall full in the front, while the sleeves are made full, falling to the elbow, and are composed of the net and lace. On the tops of the sleeves and down the sides of the front and back of the waist are strips of satin, heavily and elaborately embroidered with an orange blossom design.

The bridal veil is to be of old point lace, and will be worn hanging from the back of the head and falling to the end of the train.

Mr. and Mrs. Iselin will spend the summer in Europe, sailing Saturday on the Lucania.

REDUCED TO HOSEMAN.

By special orders Lieutenant Adams of engine 16, Meeting House Hill, is reduced to the rank of hoseman of the same company.

MRS. PALMER GOES ABROAD.

CHICAGO, April 5.—Mrs. Potter Palmer will leave to-morrow for Paris. She may visit her niece, the Princess Cantacuzene, in St. Petersburg, and see the little daughter of the princess, who arrived recently.

JUVENILE BAL POUDRE.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Mrs. William F. Draper gave a brilliant children's bal poudre, in honor of her ten-year-old daughter.

ALLIGATOR TO TORTURE WIFE

PITTSFIELD, April 5.—That her husband chased her about with a pet alligator four feet long, which had bitten her arm, Mrs. Kathryn Wheeler to-day gave as a reason why she wanted a divorce from Sheldon S. Wheeler, a Pittsfield lodge cashier.

Dr. R. M. Lowe, a Pittsfield dentist, also reported Mrs. Wheeler's story about the alligator.

LODGE TREASURER ARRESTED.

HAVERHILL, April 5.—Alfred W. Benjamin, treasurer of Apple lodge, I. O. O. F., has been arrested, charged with larceny of $112 belonging to the lodge.

ARTISTS SHOW BOLD STROKES

Depart From Conventional at International Society's Exhibit.

THREE AMERICANS IN LIST

An exhibition of paintings, etchings and drawings by the International Society of Sculptors, Painters and Gravers, of London, of which the late James McNeil Whistler was the first president, is open at the Boston Art Club. The exhibition is open until April 23, and is noteworthy.

The 135 numbers of the catalogue comprise the work of many of the most advanced and original artists of to-day. It is eclectic in nationality, although only three American are included, and is distinguished by bold, vigorous work, and a departure from the conventional.

The three Americans whose work appears in the exhibition are William M. Chase, John Humphreys Johnston and Joseph Pennell, the two first represented by paintings and the latter by etchings and drawings.

Among the foreign artists represented are Frank Stock, Reddind, Thomas Mille Dow, Hans von Bartels, Max Liebermann, H. W. Mesdag, James Paterson, A. E. Strogen, Oliver Hall, David Gould, Alfred Withers, Edward Arthur, Walton and John Lewery.

There is also a series of pen and ink drawings by Daniel Vierge.

COAT THIEF IN HER BEDROOM

Seen by a frightened woman as he stealthily crept in his stocking feet from her chamber floor, George E. Chambers was seized a moment later on the sidewalk in front of the house by Policeman Bowers of the Roxbury Crossing Station.

He had on two overcoats, and was trying to put on a third when pounced upon by the policeman, who had heard the scream of the woman, who was Mrs. Edward E. Roach, of No. 123 Hunter street.

When she screamed, Chambers fled. He did not stop to pick up his shoes.

STAR CHAMBER GAS HEARING

There was an air of mystery about the gas hearing today when the session adjourned to a small consultation room known as the mahogany room, on the second floor of the court house.

Considerable surprise was manifested that this action had been taken. A large number of prominent business men were on hand to attend the hearing, and there was no end of speculation when announcement was made to secret session.

The hearing was devoted to the filing of documentary evidence and depositions by the defendants.

Judge Barker set next Tuesday for Counsel Beck to put his argument for the defense, and Wednesday for Counsel Whipple to argue.

LODGE OFFICER IS SENTETCED

Special to Boston American.

HAVERHILL, April 5.—Albert W. Benjamin, treasurer of Loyal Argyle lodge, Manchester Unity, I. O. O. F., and of the Brotherhood of Street Railway Employes' Southern New Hampshire system, was arraigned before Judge Abbott this morning, charged with larceny of $112 of the lodge funds. He pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to the house of correction after he had made full restitution.

Benjamin was arraigned in court at Derry, N. H., yesterday for the larceny of $108 from the relief association. He pleaded guilty, and was bound over. His bond was placed at $200, and he was allowed his liberty. He came to Haverhill last evening to pay back the lodge deficit, but was arrested before he had had time.

SCHOONER IS STUCK HARD UPON SHOAL

CHATHAM, April 5.—While going through Pollock Rip slue, the stone laden schooner Catawamkeag, of Rockland, Me., struck on the Shovelful Shoal. Attempts to get her off have so far been in vain.

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OIL STOCK PARSON SCORED BY JUDGE

Justice Utley at Worcester Is Scathing in His Remarks on Rev. Roland A. Nichols.

Special to the Boston American.

WORCESTER, April 5.—"It is extremely regretable that church affairs should be dragged into such a disgreeable affair. I can find no words adequate to describe such proceedings, and in my opinion such actions are a disgrace to the community and deserve nothing but the strongest condemnation of the public. 'My house shall be called the house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves.'"—Judge Samuel Utley.

Litigation following transactions in oil stocks sold by Rev. Roland A. Nichols, pastor of the Highland Street Church of Christ, caused Judge Utley to deliver this scathing rebuke from the bench here.

Suit was brought by David C. Arnold against the clergyman to recover alleged commissions for selling stock in an oil company for which the latter was local agent. Mr. Nichols came to Worcester from Chicago and filled the local pulpit from. He elaborately furnished offices in the Central Exchange building, and did his oil stock business there, employing as agents J. W. Swafford, Clark N. Hunt and Arnold. They came from the West and joined the Highland Street Church, the first two being elected deacons. As agents they later put claims against the pastor in the hands of lawyers, and the Rev. Mr. Nichols lost two out of three suits. Arnold, the loser, went to court again, but when Judge Utley thinks of the clergyman's business venture was positively hissed.

The Rev. Mr. Nichols refused to accept any salary from his congregation, telling them to apply the salary to a site for a new church, and the fine edifice is the result.

He is very popular with his congregation, and was likewise Swafford. Hunt brought the pastor before the public they required the deacons to resign. The deacons resigned, and were dropped from the church rolls. Judge Utley said, from the evidence heard in court, that one side was as much in deserving of condemnation

REV. R. A. NICHOLS.

in the oil stock business as the other.

The Rev. Mr. Nichols, who told his congregation that, like St. Paul, he was willing to preach without pay, accepted the judge's arraignment with humility. He said:

"I stood ready to arbitrate, but this was refused. I will make no criticism of Judge Utley's statements in court. My friends know me thoroughly, and I do not consider it necessary to make a public statement. I have been persecuted and dragged through the mire until I can stand most anything. I am trusting in the Lord, and I know He will guide me in this tribulation. I am not connected now with any oil enterprise, but have patented a pocket pencil holder and will devote my spare time to selling that.

Members of his congregation say they are going to stand by the Rev. Mr. Nichols.

STOCKS KEEP TO CLOSING LEVEL

By Boston American Leased Wire.

NEW YORK, April 5.—The stock market opened irregular this morning, but the general list maintained last night's level of prices.

NEW YORK STOCKS.
RAILROADS.

	Opening Prices	P. M. Prices
Atchison	78¾	78¾
Atchison, preferred	92	
Baltimore and Ohio	89½	
Brooklyn Transit	44⅝	44⅝
Canadian Pacific	155¾	
Chicago, Great, Wst	17⅜	17⅛
Delaware and Hudson	162¼	
Erie	35	26⅝
Erie 2d pfd	69	
Illinois Central	130½	130⅝
Louisville & Nashville	106¼	
Manhattan Elevated	142⅜	
Metropolitan	134½	
Mexican Central	19	
Missouri Pacific	93¾	
New York Central	130½	131
Norfolk & Western	50⅝	
Pennsylvania	118	118⅝
Reading	44½	
Rock Island	22⅝	
Southern Pacific	50⅝	50⅝
Southern Railway	22½	22⅝
St. Paul	143½	143⅝
Union Pacific	88⅛	88⅝
Wabash	20	
Anal. Copper	49	49⅜
Amer. Car & Foundry	31	
Amer. Loco	21⅜	
American Sugar	127½	
People's Gas	97	97
Amalgamated	67	
Colo. Fuel & Iron	29½	29⅝
General Electric	163	
T. C. & Iron	70	
U. S. Leather	7⅞	
U. S. Steel	10⅞	
U. S. Steel, preferred	58⅞	
Rubber	13⅜	

HEARST RALLY IN LAWRENCE

Special to the Boston American.

LAWRENCE, Mass., April 4—An enthusiastic meeting of the Lawrence Hearst Club was held last evening in Music Hall, when delegates to the state and congressional district conventions were indorsed. Dr. John T. Cahill presided.

Arrangements were completed for the rally in City Hall this evening, and a reception committee consisting of Mayor Lynch, Chairman of the Aldermen McCormick, Chairman Kelleher of the Council, Hon. Alex. R. Bruce, Hon. John Breen, M. O. Mahoney, City Solicitor John P. Kane, Chairman Bernard F. Donigan of the Board of Trade, School Committeeman Maurice Mahoney, Col. John P. Sweeney, Edward Arundel, chairman of the Democratic City Committee, Secretary Cotter, Treasurer Murphy, President Cahill of the Hearst Club and his officers, was appointed to receive the distinguished speakers and escort them to the hall. A parade will take place.

LAY CLOSE TO RAILS AS ENGINE PASSED OVER HIM

William Thayer, a brakeman, had a remarkable escape from death in the Prison Point, East Cambridge, railroad yard. In crossing the track in front of a shifting engine he fell between the rails.

With rare presence of mind he lay flat as engine and tender passed over him. Fireman and engineer ran back, expecting to find a horribly mangled body, but Thayer was sitting up between the rails when they reached him.

FIVE SHOT BY STRIKE BREAKERS

Defenceless Girls Shot Down by Greeks in Chicago Labor Riot.

MOB WOUNDS TWO OF OWN

By Boston American Leased Wire.

CHICAGO, April 5.—Five persons were shot in a labor riot today at the Diebel branch factory of the American Can Company, at Fortieth street and Stewart avenue.

One girl, a boy and a can worker, known to his fellow-workers as Fritz, were shot.

Two non-union Greek strike-breakers were wounded and carried into the factory.

Over three hundred shots were fired. The shots were all fired from one side and the targets were 150 defenceless girls.

Over 300 Greeks, all of whom were said to be armed, did the shooting, and they were not seventy-five paces from the huddled mass of union girls who served as targets.

The girls were not walking to meet the strike-breakers, but were standing in line near the factory, waiting to return to work, after a nine weeks' strike. The strike-breakers were coming into the factory to take places they had held during the strike.

All reports from the scene of the shooting declare that the firing started without a sign of demonstration from the union girls; that when two policemen, who led the strike breakers, drew their revolvers on approaching the factory all the Greeks also drew their weapons and began firing.

Two Greeks were shot by their companions.

The Greeks, after the shooting, ran into the factory and barricaded themselves in the upper floors. They carried their injured comrades with them to keep them from being lynched.

The police have not yet stormed the barricade, but they are expected to do so, in which event there is likely to be more riot-ing.

The police believe several other Greeks were shot and were taken by their comrades into the building. The police have not been able to make any arrests.

CHICAGO OWN ITS CAR LINES?

CHICAGO, April 5.—Polling is brisk at to-day's city election. Half of the seats in the City Council are to be filled, and the citizens are also voting on the question of the municipal ownership of street railways. The electors are to declare whether the city shall proceed to acquire the street railways of the city.

DRUNKEN TAR SMASHES THINGS; NOW IN CELL

Ashore after a trip to the South Seas, Daniel Sullivan, thirty-five years old, a Jack Tar, did as every sailor is wont to do when he steps on dry land—consumed "My watch below," he yelled as he entered a cigar store at No. 675 Washington street. Then he stretched out on a glass showcase. He threw a smaller one on the floor and it was smashed to pieces.

Sullivan was taken in tow and safely moored in a dry dock at Station 4.

CHIMNEY FIRE THROWS BANKER'S HOME IN PANIC

FIREMEN QUICKLY SUBDUE FIRE IN HENRY R. SHAW'S HOUSE.

Fire threatened to destroy the palatial home of Henry Russell Shaw, banker, at No. 133 Commonwealth avenue this morning, endangering the lives of the family and causing considerable excitement. The timely discovery of the blaze prevented it from spreading. Little damage was done.

The fire started in the chimney. Smoke poured into the kitchen and quickly filled the lower floor. A servant rushed through the house, yelling "Fire!" It was just about the time Baker Shaw's family arose, and the excitement was intense.

Mr. Shaw had more presence of mind than anybody in the house, and he quieted the panic-stricken servants.

One of them was dispatched for a policeman, and an alarm was rung in.

The firemen found soot in the chimney smouldering, and the fire was quickly checked.

Mr. Shaw is a member of the banking firm of E. Rollins Morse & Co.

LOCAL STOCKS FAIRLY ACTIVE

Boston stocks were fairly active in a firm market. Union Pacific and Atchison being the leaders. Copper's are strong.

BOSTON STOCKS.
TELEPHONE.

	Opening Prices	P. M. Prices
American Telephone	126	126½
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Am. Ag. Ch. preferred	72⅜	
American Sugar, pfd	127½	
American Woolen, pfd	74⅜	75
Dominion Iron	9	9
General Electric	163	
Mass. Electric pref	44	
Mass. Gas	44	40½
Mass. Gas pref	93	93⅝
Shoe Machinery	23½	
Shoe Machinery pref	38¾	38½
United Fruit	100½	
United States Steel	11	
United States Steel pref	58⅝	59½
RAILROADS.		
Boston & Maine	167	167
Chicago Junction	14½	
Mexican Central	19⅞	
N. Y., N. H. & H.	189½	189½
Old Colony	204	
West End common	62½	
West End preferred	92	
MINING.		
Amalgamated	48⅝	50⅛
Allouez	4 15-16	5⅛
Atlantic	25⅛	
Bingham	22½	24
Calumet & Hecla	420	425
Centennial	19⅝	20⅛
Copper Range	55⅝	56
Daly West	25½	26
Franklin	11⅝	
Mass	5⅞	5⅝
Mohawk	46½	47
Osceola	58	58
Phoenix	1⅞	1⅞
Quincy	85	85
Santa Fe	8⅛	8⅛
Shannon	8½	
Trinity	16	
United States Oil	10	
Utah	3⅝	3⅝
Victoria	3⅜	3
Winona	2	
Wolverine	24	24
Wyandot	7½	7⅝
BONDS.		
B. Q. 4s	93	93

MURDERER IS KNOWN.

URUMIYAH, Persia, April 5.—The murderer of Rev. Benjamin Labaree, son of Dr. Benjamin Labaree, superintendent of the American Mission, is said to be a man named Seid. The authorities expect to effect his capture.

BANK OFFICERS ARRESTED.

AUBURN, Ind., April 5.—Albert Robbins, cashier, and Edward Robbins, cashier of the Farmers' Bank, which closed January 1, have been arrested on a charge of uttering glasses of receiving deposits after they knew the bank was insolvent.

INQUEST IN BROWN DEATHS

Judge James M. F. Howard held an inquest in the case of Frank A. and Dora Brown, victims of the Rolfindale shooting, in Jamaica Plain District Court to-day.

Several witnesses were sworn, among them Medical Examiner Draper, Captain Dugan, of headquarters, who is in charge of the case, and Patrolman McBryan, of Jamaica Plain police station.

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6-inch wide, fine line of colors, worth 39c. yard. 19c

Fine Lot of Fancy Effects
In choice designs and colorings, worth 39c. yard. 25c

Black Taffeta
High lustre, 4 inches wide, worth 39c. yard. 19c

White Gauze
5 inches wide, with colored satin edges, worth 29c. yard. 15c

Taffetas
6 inches wide, fine line of colors, worth 39c. yard. 25c

Self Color Dotted Taffetas
Fine high grade, all choice colors, worth 49c. yard. 25c

Fine Satin Taffetas
5-inch wide, in a fine line of colors, worth 39c. yard. 25c

Fine Corded Effects
In choice colors and designs, worth 19c. yard. 12½c

Black Soft Mouselaine Taffetas
6-inch wide, high lustre, worth 29c. yard. 19c

Sash Ribbons
A lot of fine liberty, high grade, double satin, in white, blue, pink, &c., 7 inches wide, subject to slight imperfections, hardly perceptible, regular stock. Price 89c. yard. 49c

Fine Black Satins
5½-inch wide, rich, lustrous quality, worth 42c. yard. 29c

Satin Taffetas
6-inch wide, fine line of popular colorings, worth 42c. yard. 29c

Black Moire
6 inches wide, fine quality, worth 39c. yard. 25c

Warp Prints
Fine fancy effects, stripes, spots, etc., worth 45c. yard. 29c

Fine Taffetas
6 inches wide, in choice colors, worth 45c. yard. 29c

Fancy Effects
Fine line, in choice designs, and colorings, worth 29c. yard. 19c

Fine Satin Taffetas
Exquisite line of colors, 3¾ inches wide, worth 28c. yard. 19c

Black Taffetas
6 inches wide, fine high lustre, worth 39c. yard. 25c

Black Satin Taffeta
6 inches wide, fine quality, worth 29c. yard. 19c

Fine Black Double Satins
High grade, 6 inches wide, worth 69c. yard. 39c

Dresden and Plaid Effects
Fine high grade, 6½ to 8 inches wide, worth 89c. yard. 39c

Black Satins
1½ inches wide, all silk, fine quality, bright lustre, worth 15c. yard. 5c

Fine Soft Fancy Effects in Stripes
5½ inches wide, worth 39c. yard. 25c

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SLIGHTLY damaged specials fixed bath tubs, $12 to $20. DONOVAN & CO., Expert Plumbers, 70 Harrison ave. and 129 Dartmouth st.; phones 1338-5 Oxford, 2127-9 Tremont.

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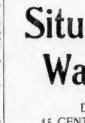

50 cents weekly buys best makes; our price . . . $19.50

All Makes Guaranteed.

NORWOOD SEWING MACHINE CO., 388 Boylston St., Boston.

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Sale of Slightly Used Pianos.

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Chickering upright	Was $475 Now $195
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Ivers & Pond upright	Was $400 Now $195

CHAMPLIN pianos from $125 to $225. GEO. H. CHAMPLIN, 178 Tremont st.

GOLD, nickel, mandolins, guitars, $2.50; new PICTURE CUT PRICE TALKING MACHINE CO., 179 Boylston st., somewhere, up 1 flight.

Why Don't You Ride Your Bicycle?

Situations Wanted

DAILY
15 CENTS PER LINE

DISPLAY
20 CENTS PER LINE

SUNDAY
5 CENTS PER LINE

CONGRESSMAN HEARST PRAISED FOR BODY BLOW DEALT TO ROBBER COAL TRUST

"OF FAR REACHING IMPORTANCE TO THE PUBLIC IN DEALING WITH TRUSTS."

The decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Hearst coal suit is of far-reaching importance. It sustains the power of the Interstate Commerce Commission to secure information for itself and for the public in dealing with trusts. I congratulate Mr. Hearst most cordially on his victory.—JOHN CUNNEEN, Attorney General, State of New York.

"Divine Right" Baer Must Now Expose to View Contracts by Which Coal Trust Took the Consuming Public by the Throat

A GREAT TRIUMPH FOR MR. HEARST OVER OPPRESSION OF MONOPOLY

I regard the decision by the Supreme Court as a great triumph for Mr. Hearst, who has in many practical ways sought to relieve the American people from the oppression of monopoly.
—United States Senator Francis G. Newlands, of Nevada.

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but to all the unlawful combinations against which the Roosevelt administration, through Attorney General Knox, has promised not to "run amuck."

NO FENCE TO HIDE BEHIND NOW.

It means that the Interstate Commerce Commission can compel trust magnates to bring out their books for inspection and disclose their unlawful methods of doing business.

IT MEANS THAT THE MILLIONAIRES OF THE CRIMINAL TRUSTS CAN BE COMPELLED BY THE COMMISSION TO MAKE CONFESSIONS WHICH WILL BRING THEM UNDER THE OPERATION OF THE SHERMAN ANTI-TRUST ACT.

It means that the fence of technicalities behind which the trusts have been hiding has been broken down.

It means that Attorney General Knox has been deprived of the last shred of pretended excuse for not acting upon evidence of the Coal Trust's guilt with which his wax was furnished by Mr. Hearst a year and a half ago—which evidence will now be furnished by him again, by Baer, Truesdale and the other managers of the coal-carrying roads when they unwillingly remount the witness stand and hand to the Interstate Commerce Commission the contracts that they have so desperately and unsuccessfully endeavored to shield from view.

ADMINISTRATION MUST PROSECUTE.

If, in the face of the Supreme Court's decision and this evidence, President Roosevelt shall permit his Attorney General to abstain from doing his sworn duty, it will be for one of two reasons, plain to the whole country:

First, that the administration is afraid to offend the Coal Trust and its allies in a Presidential year.

OR, SECOND, THAT MR. ROOSEVELT CANNOT BRING HIMSELF TO BE UNGRATEFUL TO THE COAL TRUST, WHICH, IN 1900, YIELDED TO THE DEMANDS OF THE MINERS TO PREVENT THE STRIKE FROM SPREADING TO WEST VIRGINIA, INDIANA, ILLINOIS AND OHIO, AND ARRAYING THE LABOR VOTE OF THE NATION AGAINST THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL TICKET.

President Baer testified before the Interstate Commerce Commission that Senator Hanna and other eminent Republican statesmen prayed for this service at the hands of Baer and his fellow monopolists.

But for the Coal Trust, therefore, Mr. Roosevelt would not be in the White House to-day.

DISASTER TO THE COAL BARONS.

Now that the Supreme Court has sustained the right of the Interstate Commerce Commission to prosecute the investigation begun on the petition of Representative Hearst, NOTHING CAN SAVE THE COAL TRUST FROM SWIFT DESTRUCTION EXCEPT THE DEFIANT REFUSAL OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES TO APPLY THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES TO PROVED EXTORTIONISTS AND CRIMINALS.

The lawless trusts have met with a disaster of the first magnitude, and a victory, pregnant with great consequences for good, has been won for the American people.

BOSTON PLEASED AT DEFEAT OF TRUST

Great satisfaction was expressed by many prominent men of Boston and vicinity regarding the victory of William Randolph Hearst over the criminal Coal Trust. One man, however, declared himself opposed to the Hearst investigation because he was a believer in trusts. Here are some of the opinions:

John W. Rorke, lawyer: "Irrespective of the purpose aimed at by the petitioner, the interesting feature of the decision in the Hearst case is the apparent declaration by the Supreme Court that the Interstate Commerce Commission possesses certain judicial functions, and that in the course of an inquiry before it the commission may compel the production of books, papers and other documents relevant thereto.

"Since the passage of the Interstate Commerce Act in 1887 and the amendment of 1903, which has been accomplished by the railroads in discovering the inability of the Commission to enforce the provisions of the law, so much so that it has been a mockery among the railroads, and the Commissioners themselves have felt that they possessed the shadow of authority and not the substance.

"It is really good to note that there has now been removed one of the most formidable obstructions raised to prevent a speedy termination of the investigation. Mr. Hearst deserves the thanks of the public for initiating the proceedings."

Daniel W. Coakley, lawyer: "It's a great win. Too much light cannot be thrown on the methods of the coal barons. Hearst has won another victory for the people. The fight grows long."

Thos. Jackson Barry, lawyer: "Mr. Hearst deserves to be congratulated on this preliminary skirmish with the coal barons. Every New York Congressman has taken a noble stand in behalf of the plain people. That his efforts may be eventually crowned with victory is my sincere wish."

Harry Lloyd, well-known labor leader: "I am delighted with the decision of the Supreme Court, and I believe that the people will make stronger efforts than ever to support Mr. Hearst, the next President of the United States."

William Lloyd Garrison, editor of the Campaign Bulletin: "The decision of the Supreme Court is a great step in advancing the faith of the Democratic party, and must of necessity be a great blow to Fred Emery Roosevelt's policy of inaction. It tends to enlighten those who have not seriously considered that there is a chance to keep the trusts in check, if conducted, suited and intelligent action is used, as in the case here considered."

David W. Noyes, of Noyes Brothers: "I am a believer in trusts, and therefore do not approve of Mr. Hearst's attack upon the coal combination. Personally, I am a great admirer of Mr. Hearst. He is a worker."

What the Decision Means to The Coal Trust!

BY CLARENCE J. SHEARN.

(I.). IT MEANS that the Coal Trust must produce the entire series of the fourteen Temple Iron Companies' contracts. These contracts convict the railroads of pooling and violating the Sherman anti-trust law.

(II.). IT MEANS that the Coal Trust must produce the "coal purchase contracts." These contracts convict the railroads of practising gross discrimination in freight rates against independents.

(III.). IT MEANS that Baer, Thomas and Truesdale must tell how the selling price of coal is fixed.

(IV.). IT MEANS that the favorite weapon of trusts in resisting prosecution—interminable delay—is no longer available, for, thanks to Mr. Hearst's fight, the "expediting of appeals acts" now apply to every such case.

(V.). IT MEANS that any private citizen who is willing to do so may prosecute violators of the interstate commerce act.

Member of Interstate Commerce Commission Says Hearst Deserves Credit for Getting Supreme Court Decision.

COMPLETE VICTORY FOR PEOPLE, DECLARES JOHN DEWITT WARNER

I heartily congratulate Mr. Hearst, and even more so the people of the United States, for his victory, for it is, indeed, a complete victory for the people.

This decision of our court of last resort will greatly help, not merely to bring to the bar, but to thwart and punish our most dangerous public enemies.

For the vigor and thoroughness with which Mr. Hearst pressed this issue he is entitled to the gratitude of all, and this present triumph is, indeed, well earned.—Former Congressman John DeWitt Warner, of New York city.

JUDGE CLEMENTS GIVES ALL THE CREDIT TO W. R. HEARST

It is due to Mr. Hearst that the coal-carrying railways have been brought to the bar of judgment and compelled to make public their contracts. The court's decision may rightly be regarded as a landmark in American jurisprudence.
—Tribute of Judge Judson C. Clements, of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

SAVES PEOPLE FROM GREED OF "DOLLARS"
—T. W. LAWSON.

BOSTON FINANCIER APPROVES COURT DECISION AND APPLAUDS HEARST.

By Thomas W. Lawson.

As to yesterday's Supreme Court decision in regard to the coal roads, there can be but one opinion held by honest men who follow the trend of the "affairs of today," particularly affairs which take in Capital and The People, that is, that decision was "good"—right.

It shows in a way which cannot be misunderstood that there is still in this country a bulwark between the rapacity and greed of unscrupulous dollar getters and the people, a bulwark which can be depended upon to withstand all the assaults of trickery, greed and that marvelous power which can only be described as "dollars."

The people, even the common people, the tinker, the tailor and the candlestick maker, and the ditch digger, will understand the decision the United States Supreme Court rendered yesterday, and they will be happier, more contented and resting easy because of it, for they will understand by it that they still have rights which they will be protected in, rights that the corrupt use of no amount of money can take from them.

It matters not what the ultimate decision is in regard to the question of coal by the people. They now know that by the decision of yesterday their rights will be protected, justly weighed, and proud indeed should be the man or paper whose efforts have accomplished this much.

DECLARES DECISION IS GREAT HEARST VICTORY

It is a great victory for Mr. Hearst. He fought the battle unaided, and the Supreme Court has now decided, against the strenuous opposition of the trust interests involved, that every private citizen, no matter how lowly or humble, has a vital interest in the arbitrament of these questions.—Representative Livingston, of Georgia.

HEARST'S COURSE WARMLY PRAISED.

However I may differ from William R Hearst personally and on other questions of public interest, I believe his course in this matter and the success he has achieved are deserving of the warmest and the most general commendation.—Representative Hardwick, of Georgia.

CALLS IT LANDMARK IN JURISPRUDENCE

By Boston American Leased Wire.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Judge Judson C. Clements, a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, expressed himself as highly gratified at the decision compelling the Coal Trust to show its books and contracts.

"The Supreme Court's decision," he said, "sustains the contention made by the Commission. That contention was made upon Mr. Hearst's initiative. To Mr. Hearst is due great credit for this important and far-reaching precedent established by the highest judicial tribunal in the land.

"The Commission has investigated a number of abuses, and it is no exaggeration to state that but for the interest and activity of Mr. Hearst the question determined by the Supreme Court would not have been settled at this time.

"IT IS DUE TO MR. HEARST THAT THE COAL CARRYING RAILWAYS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO THE BAR OF JUDGMENT AND BEEN COMPELLED TO MAKE PUBLIC THEIR CONTRACTS. THE COURT'S DECISION MAY RIGHTLY BE REGARDED AS A LANDMARK IN AMERICAN JURISPRUDENCE.

"The precedent established will serve to give publicity to the methods and acts of corporations great and small, and will tend to correct abuses and to root out evils in our industrial life.

"The defendants contended that, as Mr. Hearst was not a purchaser or a shipper of coal, he had no right to be a complainant in the suit.

"The court's decision smashes that contention completely. It holds that, even though Mr. Hearst were not a direct sufferer, he had a perfect legal right to institute the suit.

"In my judgment, Mr. Hearst's action was not only proper, but was also eminently patriotic. Mr. Hearst has set an example that men of great wealth the country over may wisely emulate.

If Mr. Hearst's example were followed by such men who represent the intelligence and wealth of the country, the work of the commission would be facilitated and expedited. It is not often that men of vast fortunes range themselves on Mr. Hearst's side of questions of this character."

SUPERB VICTORY SAYS BIRD S. COLER

NEW YORK, April 5—Bird S. Coler, formerly Comptroller of New York city, and recently Democratic nominee for governor of New York, is delighted over the Anti-Coal Trust decision. He said of it:

"A superb victory for the rights of the people, and I hope an initial movement to compel all other trusts and corporations to produce their books and papers so that the stockholders may see just what they are going into when they invest their money. I congratulate Mr. Hearst on the great work he has done in behalf of these public efforts in this matter have been an outstanding feature, and he certainly has accomplished a great deal. He is deserving of the highest commendation and the gratitude of the people of the country for the battle he has waged in their interests.

Former District Attorney Delancey Nicoll said:

"Mr. Hearst has won a clear-cut and well-defined victory. The rights of the people have been upheld, and the Supreme Court has supported Mr. Hearst's contention that the coal trust must submit its books and papers and answer questions put to it by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The decision is certainly of far-reaching consequence as that handed down by the Supreme Court in the Northern Securities case."

HORSE SHOW BOXES GO WELL

At the annual sale of horse show boxes at the rooms of Leonard & Co., Bromfield street, leading society people of Boston were represented in person or by agents. The boxes sold for $25,100, and the transaction involved only one box. Thomas W. Lawson stimulated the bidding at once upon its arrival. He appeared to be the first hour. The highest premium paid was $300 for the first ten selections. The next premium was $25

JAPS IN WI-JU; RUSS TROOPS FALL BACK

Mikado's Army Now in Complete Control of Hermit Kingdom.

LONDON, April 5.—Dispatches from Shanghai, Ping-Yang and Kobe agree that the advance forces of the Japanese army have occupied Wi-Ju and Yon-Gan-Pho, Corea, near the mouth of the Yalu, and that the Russians have withdrawn and drawn all their forces from Corea into Manchuria.

The success of the Japanese movement is considered remarkable by military experts here. What little news comes through indicates that the Japanese army is not only in a high state of efficiency, but is much larger than that of the Russian's. The Japs are expected to acquit themselves well in a general engagement. The Daily Telegraph to-day says of the occupation of Wi-Ju:

"Japan by the movement now reported, has compassed one of the most remarkable achievements in modern history. She has practically swept Russia clean out of the whole of Corea without anything that could be called a blow. From the northern frontier on the wide estuary of the Yalu to the straits, the Hermit Kingdom is in the hands from end to end. Within eight weeks from the opening of the war, Russia has lost, and in our conviction irretrievably lost, the very object for which she made war."

HONORS TO JAP HERO.

TOKIO, April 5.—The remains of Commander Hirose Takeo, who lost his life during the bombardment of Port Arthur on March 27, in a heroic attempt to sink a sailor, were brought here to-day. The cortege was a most impressive sight. The body was escorted by marines, who participated in the fight. They wore their blood-stained uniforms. The streets were crowded with spectators.

RUSSIA PLANS FOR LONG WAR

ROME, April 5.—Reports from apostolic vicars in Corea and Manchuria received by the Propaganda say that Russia is in no hurry to end the war, but is preparing for a five years' struggle, in that time Russia, they assert, thinks she can exterminate Japan.

ALL FOREIGNERS EXPELLED.

PORT ARTHUR, April 5.—All the English workmen who have been engaged in making repairs on the fortifications ordered by the Japanese have been sent out of Manchuria in conformity with the order recently issued by General Stoessel, expelling all foreigners. The only English person remaining here is a female teacher, who is ill and is being nursed at Stoessel's house.

PORT ARTHUR IN PERIL.

IRKUTSK, Siberia, April 5.—A news paper here says that Port Arthur is imperilled by the proximity of a Russian volunteer ship which is loaded with 1,000 torpedoes, each containing 250 pounds of the terrible explosive pyroxiline. The ship is manned behind electric fire. Should a Japanese shell strike the ship it would cause an explosion that would annihilate the whole town.

EDWARD NOT TO MEDIATE.

LONDON, April 5.—The report that King Edward will try to effect peace in the Far East on his trip to Copenhagen is not seriously taken here.

LABOR

UNION LABEL TRADES COUNCIL BOSTON, MASS. 96

ALL THE NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

The Justification of unionism for the working women of the cigar factories is seen in the achievements of Cigar Factory Strippers' Union No. 1.

The forming of this local in November, 1900, was the first step ever taken in the United States for the organizing of these workers. In the short space of four years their union has increased their wages from a former scale ranging from $3 to $6 a week to the present scale of $6 to $12 a week. But the most remarkable circumstance connected with this increase is the fact it has been realized chiefly through advance in the piece rates paid to the strippers. Under the old system of each woman's product is weighed in her presence, as the result of the union's demand, a practice which insures carefulness and accuracy on the part of the scales.

Cigar strippers receive 2.5 cents a pound for each leaf and 5 cents a pound for Havana. Average weight per day for a good stripper is forty pounds of regular and twenty-two pounds of Havana. There are 150 women in Local No. 1, which is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, and sends to the Boston Central Labor Union nine delegates noted for their boldness activity. The president of the local is Miss Regina Mercado and the secretary is Miss Ida Sullivan.

GROCERY CLERK'S COMPLAINT.

The AMERICAN has received the following letter from a grocery clerk:

While the Grocery and Provision Clerks' Association of Boston is straining every nerve to secure the passage of the bill creating the association of the same name in Cambridge, the doing of practically nothing in fact. It is said the organization is more of a social than a labor one. There is a majority of labor in the union, but the organization seems fit to get out after it. In Cambridge the hours of work are generally called to work until nine or ten o'clock three or four nights in the week, and later on Saturday night.

Offer the employees a written agreement which all in their line of business in Boston proper have signed, to the effect that their stores will close every evening except Saturday at 6 o'clock, and they will readily fall in line. Don't wait until July to organize. Now is the necessary closing, and then have it said that it was the grocery clerks of Cambridge that who started the ball rolling, as was the case last season.

Get together and score a touchdown on both the 5:30 o'clock and Wednesday closing, and enter the 1904 season as our brothers in the north.

BINDERY GIRLS STRIKE.

The book bindery girls of Chicago have been on strike the last ten days for an increase of pay and better working conditions. The employers have refused to treat with the girls' union, and have succeeded in securing quite a number of strike breakers, but when the work turned out by the two unionless bindery girls' establishments where it had to be handled by union bookbinders they refused to touch it, and there is now a prospect that the whole printing trade will become involved.

GLOVE WORKERS' BRAVE FIGHT.

An agent of the Glove Workers' Union, of Gloversville, N. Y., is soliciting and receiving members, and 250 have joined the colors. He says the trouble arose over a demand made by the glove manufacturers on all the cutters to concede the "open shop" policy before the former would agree to discuss a wage scale for the ensuing year. This being refused by the cutters, the employers promulgated a scale of their own, with a reduction on one class of work, and also stipulating that all future disputes about prices should be settled between the individual cutter and the manufacturer. As such an arrangement would disrupt the union, the employes were forced out of work, and both the glove manufacturers and cutters have been in idleness since Christmas, though the latter say the cessation has lasted for many years in Fulton county. They propose to stay out until they have secured collected in seeking other fields of employment.

FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

A resolution in favor of woman suffrage has been carried in the British House of Commons by a majority of 114 votes. The resolution was proposed by Sir Charles McLaren, who explained that the fact that women now possess property, manage business affairs, and are taxed on the same reasons, and should therefore be allowed to protect their interests by the use of the ballot.

MILLING STRIKERS FIRM.

Locals 1, 2 and 3 of the International Union of Flour and Cereal Mill Employes in Minneapolis have been on strike for twenty-six weeks, and they are still using their best efforts to win. Men have been sent to important cities in all sections of the country with credentials to present the cause of these strikers and solicit aid, and the results are reported gratifying by the general officers.

The strike has received general indorsement, as hearty as that accorded by the Chicago Federation of Labor.

The milling company which is fighting the union, and which declared early in the fight that it would give $1,000 to be placed in the hands of the American Federation of Labor, and which is the boast Central Labor Union nine delegates noted for their boldness activity. The president of the local is Miss Regina Mercado and the secretary is Miss Ida Sullivan.

A WORKER'S WAIL.

Sure, the fightin' in the East's begun,
There's no use talkin', we're in it;
An' whaddever's rub a mighty few
Will the nation stand for a minute?
And there's talkin' in the restrictions
Of the Japanese and some and frost;
And now we are shipping Russians
He has given up his post.

"Go! Get your money!" this hears'n'
Says I to Ould Methuh.
"Where am I to get the remain'n',
An' a man is out of work?"

Some say the Liberal's gone' in
An' the Tories are sold,
And some have caught the 4/10 men
An' the others sinkin' deep or rotten;
An' we may have old age pensions
An' a job till the end of time,
An' ould Carlie sold long ago
The land we're on to Prime.

"Go! Get your money!" this hears'n'
Says I to Ould McGuire,
"Where am I to get the remain'n',
An' a man is out of work?"

—Boston Evening Transcript Weekly News.

URGES LABOR TO WORK FOR HEARST.

The Lowell Labor Journal says: "The candidacy of William Randolph Hearst for the presidency of the United States is assuming large proportions. Many labor and influential men are rallying to his support. Mr. Hearst is, without doubt, the best all-around candidate for the labor organization, and certainly is the only true friend of organized labor that ever has been mentioned as a probable nominee. The workingmen throughout the United States, and especially the trade unionists, can make this probability possible by subscribing their names as members of the various Hearst clubs and doing their little mite towards electing Hearst delegates to attend the convention. There is a Lowell Hearst Club. Are you a member? If not, join now, and thereby help to nominate and elect a true friend of organized labor in the highest office of the gift of the people."

BRIEF LABOR NOTES.

The delegates to the Boston Central Labor Union represent 45,000 wage-earners.

The bill before the State Legislature to give firemen one day off in five is supported by the Central Labor Union.

The discouragement of a report for compulsory arbitration in Massachusetts and the submission of one recommending that power be vested in the Governor to appoint a permanent investigation of capital and labor troubles are the result of the attitude of organized labor in the matter.

An early mass has been arranged for printers and other night-workers, beginning at 2:00 a. m., in the New York churches. They are in charge of Rt. Francis Aveling, Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, and Rev. Paul J. Carrigan, Redemptorist.

Edward W. Miller, general organizer of the Amalgamated Wood Workers' International, who has planned a programme of special work in New York which will last two months, is now in that city. His headquarters are at No. 29 Third avenue.

A number of delegates from the various locals in New York have formed the Union Label Advertising League, with William D. Mahon, of Detroit, as President. The league proposes co-operation with organized labor and organized farmers to promote the sale of union made goods.

LABOR MEETINGS TO-NIGHT.

Bakery Drivers' Union 239, Worcester and Washington streets, smoke talk and entertainment.

Boston Harness Makers' Union, Phoenix Hall, 148 Washington street.

Cable Splicers' Union 80, Seaver Hall, No. 17 Quincy street.

Chandelier Workers' Union 18, No. 987 Washington street.

North Examiners and Spongers' Union, No. 42 Kneeland street.

Conveyors, Gaffers and Cutters' Union, Laundry Wagon Drivers, No. 724 Washington street.

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Carpenters' Local Union 1645, Phillips Corner.

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Printers will be a special union meeting of officials and delegates, Tuesday evening, at Typographical and Amalgamated Carpenters at 724 Washington street, Brighton, to discuss incorporation.

The newly organized Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workers' Union 387 will meet every night in 161 Hanover street. It is held to give all members of the craft an opportunity to join as charter members.

Union labels are in great demand at La Cross.

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PHOTO BY LAMARCHINA

Wife, and the report of Organizer Ernest Flood of the American Federation of Labor shows that transfer cards and girls are organizing. About seventy-five per cent. of the workers in the city are union members.

In a recent speech to union glove workers, President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor said: "I have invariably stood for arbitration, and I am willing to stand for it to-day, but if the question is forced upon me I shall refrain from the use of the word. I do not regard that process as lending upon me when I am attacked."

Colonel White and Judge Bealey, of the "open-shop crowd" in Danbury, and Hon. John Ward Howe, attended the ball of the Leonard Carriage Workers' Union, Langham Hall.

A tenement assessed in aid of the Glove Workers in Bon Ton Hall, corners of Harmony and Dexter streets, next Saturday.

The painters, paperhangers and decorators at Grand Old Athens, Ga., are on a strike. They are bound for a nine-hour day and a raise of 10 per cent. Their demands are: That of the local boss has granted the demands.

The tag pickers, sorters and graders of Boston are to have a union.

President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, says that organized capital is now in control of the arts of Governor Peabody and call on Colorado to defend him in the case of the trial. He also advises the miners to be obedient to the laws, but to condemn the strike only when they see no use ground and united lay in no force.

The fund for a memorial to commemorate the services to the cause of labor by the late Frank S. Foster now amounts to $250.

The dinner to be tendered by organized labor to Mr. Frank K. Foster, in recognition of his services in replying to President Hunt, will take place Thursday evening of this week at the Revere House. Tickets $1.00.

A smoke talk under the auspices of the Hearst Labor League will be held in Brighton Hall, Brighton and Allston streets, to-morrow. An excellent programme has been arranged and all Hearst men are cordially invited. Tickets may be obtained at the headquarters of the League, No. 7 Tremont Row, Room 7.

The financial statement of the American Federation of Labor for the month of March shows receipts of $16,521.50, while the expenditures were $10,342.89, on March 1 the general fund contained $27,982.24 and the defense fund $65,370.35.

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PAYNE SEEKING REST.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Postmaster-General Payne is going to old Point Comfort for a rest.

HEARST GAINS AT WORCESTER

Special to the Boston American.

WORCESTER, April 5.—One hundred and seventy-six new members were received into the William Randolph Hearst Club in this city at the regular monthly meeting. There were present 300 members, who presented the club with a picture of Mr. Hearst, which was accepted with a rising vote of thanks. There was a great demonstration at the meeting, which was held at the club, No. 12 Front street.

It was voted that the members attend the first grand rally in Mechanics' Hall in a body on Thursday evening. It was announced that rallies will be held at the headquarters every evening during the next week, on Monday, Wednesday and 7 and will take possession of the headquarters Tuesday, April 12, and Thursday, April 14, and 8 and Friday Ward 4.

Addresses were made by prominent labor leaders, among whom were: Anson Bixby, of Fitchburg; Hon. William Conner, Gerald S. Mottlebody, John J. Griffin, Michael A. Flemming, John J. Mahoney, Hon. Joseph Gough, Hon. Councilman Thomas J. Harvey, Philip Girard, Ex-Alderman Lewis A. Bellisle, Thomas B. Hamilton, Ex-Alderman Dillon, Hugh O'Loughlin, Thomas J. Hennessey.

The following will deliver addresses at the Mechanics Hall rally:

John O'Gara, of Spencer; E. Gerry Brown, of Hopkinton; Hon. John Reardon Graves, of Georgia; Congressman Cornwall, of Cambridge; Harry Lloyd, of Boston, and the Hon. George F. Williams, of Dedham. John F. Casey, president of the Central Labor Union, will preside.

HEARST RALLY IN WARD FIVE

The first of the series of precinct meetings in the interest of delegations pledged to William Randolph Hearst for President will be held to-night at headquarters of the Hearst Democratic Club of Ward 5, at the corner of Dexter and Saratoga streets, East Boston. Great interest has been shown in Ward 5 since the rousing rally in Roughan Hall. It is the intention of the Hearst men in Charlestown, they say, to keep alive that interest. They expect to elect both the State and Congressional delegations at the caucus.

Representative John C. Hurley is at the head of the State delegate ticket. The names of many representative Democratic Democrats are included in the list. Councilman William P. Murray, jr., is leading the Congressional delegate ticket, and is also made up of leading Ward 5 Democrats.

A Hearst banner will be flung to the breeze to-night. Hearst clubs in other political speakers many well-known theatrical artists will appear. A full vote will be for the Democratic voters of Precinct 3.

SMOKE TALK BY HEARST CLUB

There promises to be an interesting time in Brookline Hall, corner of Dover and Allany streets, to-morrow night, when the Hearst Labor League will hold a smoke talk.

An interesting programme has been prepared, and a number of vaudeville stars will be present to furnish fun and amusement for the members and their guests.

There will also be present a number of well-known Democrats who will address the audience.

Those desiring tickets can obtain them at the headquarters of the Hearst Labor League, No. 7 Tremont Row, room 21.

OLNEY LABOR SMASHER SAYS JOHN B. MORAN

REFUSES TO AID OLNEY, ON GROUND THAT HE'S FRIEND OF TRUSTS.

John B. Moran has written Chairman Hamlin and Secretary McSweeney of the Olney Association, declining to permit them to use his name in a public appeal in support of Richard Olney's candidacy for President. Mr. Moran says:

"Before his appointment by President Cleveland as United States Attorney General, Mr. Olney had acquired the reputation of being foremost among corporation attorneys, absolutely devoted to their interests, their trusted adviser, their most confidential intimate. His brain planned their schemes, and his keen intellect directed their execution.

"Before Olney accepted the appointment, he had, in open court, as attorney for the whiskey trust, recorded himself as of the opinion that the Sherman anti-Trust law was unconstitutional.

"When Olney swore as an Attorney General, taken an oath to perform the duties of his office. He was not only to prosecute and cause to be prosecuted all violations of the federal laws, but he was expressly commanded by the Sherman anti-trust law among the various duties of attorneys subordinate to him to institute proceedings in equity to prevent and restrain violations of the anti-trust law.

"In flagrant violation of this provision of the law, equity proceedings were not instituted during Olney's term of office to restrain his former clients from violating the law. Whether he had forgotten the law and remembered his former clients, or whether he remembered the law and had forgotten his former clients is of little consequence. The fact remains that he assumed that the whiskey trust, consisting of three-fourths of all the distilleries in the United States, mindful of Attorney-General Olney's appointment, and from March, 1893, to June, 1895, will affix its official trust sig-

nature to your appeal in behalf of his present candidacy.

"Another instance indicative of Olney's disregard of his official oath is found in his failure to prosecute either in equity or criminal proceedings the railroad and coal mine combinations carrying on business in violation of the anti-trust law.

"But Olney knew about the criminal conduct of the Pennsylvania railroad and coal mine combinations as evident from his speech at a banquet to his friend, William A. Gaston, given by their joint intimate relations with the Cotton Yarn Trust, the Sugar Trust, the Whiskey Trust scandals and the cesspool of gas iniquity. From which the carrying of financial respectability is now being pried off in court proceedings.

"Had Olney in 1893 and 1894 enforced the law gainst these criminals, the suffering and deaths caused by the coal strike famine of two years ago would have been avoided. He who, under obligations to prevent violations of law, by inactivity in office, grants immunity to criminals, and, by his neglect to interfere, encourages the continuance of crime, is as deserving of condemnation as is the criminal.

"Borne aloft in the Boston Labor Day parade of 1894 appeared a banner, which was inscribed this terse and expressive sentence:

"OLNEY WAS PUT IN AS A TRUST-SMASHER, BUT HE TURNS OUT TO BE A LABOR-SMASHER."

"Finally, Olney aroused himself, unwilling to prosecute the trusts, he found an opportunity to apply the law to labor organizations, and, with a deep display of speed, he brought throbs of intense joy to the hearts of the trusts. Overnight he prosecuted three equity proceedings to secure injunctions against the employes and draymen of Debs' Organization, who had refused to handle the goods of the warehousemen; another against the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and another against Debs.

The Olney campaign card, called Monthly, for March, 1900, appeared an article written by Olney and published that month over his name, in which he expressed his approval of an alliance with England.

BIG EAGLES TO ATTEND BOSTON AERIE BALL

Prominent Eagles all over the country are coming to attend the big ball of Boston Aerie, No. 45, on Monday evening, April 18, in Symphony Hall.

From Gotham may appear "Big Tim" F. Hennessy and the whole Republican ticket headed by Ignatius A. Sullivan, Mayor for the past two years.

EIGHT-HOUR WORK DAY.

Boston street railway employes after June 1, will probably be granted an eight-hour workday.

MR. HOAR'S CONDITION REMAINS UNCHANGED

CONCORD, Mass., April 5.—The condition of Samuel Hoar, who is critically ill at his home here, is unchanged this morning.

MAYOR SULLIVAN BEATEN.

HARTFORD, April 5.—Judge William F. Henney and the whole Republican ticket were elected over the Democratic ticket headed by Ignatius A. Sullivan, Mayor for the past two years.

SCORE RESCUED FROM FLAMES

Mrs. Margaret Perry and a score of other persons were rescued from death in the flames at a fire in the wooden block on West Sixth street, South Boston, by the heroism of Patrolmen Shorey, Moore and Scott, Hoseman Hickey and Representative Hickey-Ward 12. They turned the peril of suffocation when they rushed into the dwelling and roused the sleeping tenants. Mrs. Perry was the only person injured and at the corner Harbor View physicians say she will probably die.

Patrolman Shorey wrapped a rug around his head and climbed to the third floor, where Mrs. Perry was lying on a bed, surrounded by flames. He was nearly overcome when he reached her side, but got the unconscious woman in his arms. Garments had been burned from her body.

BOY HELD FOR GIRL ATTACK

Matthew Dacey, the boy who is accused of attacking Nessie Franson, a Winchester housemaid, in a street in Somerville, while she was returning home from Easter services in this city, was arraigned in the Malden police court this morning, and $800 for a hearing on Thursday. Bail was furnished by the prisoner's employer, J. W. Kidder, who had engaged Lawyer W. H. Linehan to defend the boy.

Dacey is an orphan, but sixteen years old, and small for his age. When he was taken before Miss Franson, who did not appear in court to-day, he pointed his finger at him at once.

"He is the man who attacked me."

"That is false; you are mistaken—it was some other schoolmate," exclaimed the boy in reply. He burst into tears. He was to have been arrested for the police, but a reporter took the suspect into custody before Chief Holmes arrived.

TO USE 'PHONE AT CONVENTION

ST. LOUIS, April 5.—The Democratic convention which meets in the Coliseum here on July 6 is to be conducted by telephone.

Telephones will connect each State delegation with all the other delegations, and with the chairman's and clerks' desks. The state telephones are to be at the elbows of the leaders of the State delegations.

HEARST MEN FIGHT IN COURT FOR RIGHTS!

WILLIAMS MANDAMUSES ELECTION BOARD TO ACCEPT NOMINATIONS.

The action of the Board of Election Commissioners in rejecting the nominations of twenty-eight of the Hearst candidates for delegates to the Democratic State Convention will be reviewed by the courts before it is accepted as final by the leaders of the Hearst forces.

A petition for a writ of mandamus, compelling the board to accept the nominations, was filed in the Superior Court by George Fred Williams to-day, as counsel for the Hearst men.

Although twenty-eight nominations have been rejected, only thirteen of them would have any effect on the campaign in behalf of Mr. Hearst.

The announcement of the board's action created the most profound surprise among the Hearst leaders, who know that the nominations followed by the required fees had been followed in filing the nominations this year.

The ground given for the rejection is the fact that the notices of substitutions for the declining nominees had not been filed with the Democratic City Committee by the persons who filed the original notices of nomination. As this technicality had not been observed in previous years, the leaders filing the papers considered it unnecessary.

Ex-Representative James A. Watson, of Ward 18, who is among the candidates whose nominations were rejected by the board, said to-day: "The decision on the mandamus application is in this will be found to have been a case of the smallest peanut politics ever seen in this State. We are prepared to show that the fault is at the door of the City Committee, which acted through its duly appointed representatives, and not at our doors.

"The 'non-partisan' Board of Election Commissioners is dominated by the Boston Democratic machine, the Republicans on it acting with the machine Democrats. If that were not so, the Hearst men would have sought different legal advice than that upon which it acted. Its adviser was Andrew Ralley, corporation counsel for the City of Boston. What right, I wonder, has a State board to accept advice from a city officer?

"We are going fight on in Ward 18 to elect the remainder of the delegates, and we'll be sure to show a tremendous amount of Hearst enthusiasm in ours and other wards."

Before filing his petition for a writ of mandamus, Mr. Williams gave notice of his intention to the election commissioners, and they have deferred issuing the ballots until anything happens.

EDITOR SHOOTS POLITICIAN.

LAWTON, Okla., April 5.—L. T. Russell of the State Democrat shot and severely wounded Charles W. J. Hawkins, ex-assistant chief of police. Russell is in jail. Both men were active in politics.

ETHEL BARRYMORE AGAIN.

NEW YORK, April 5.—Ethel Barrymore began her third engagement in New York this season at the Hudson Theatre in "Cousin Kate." She sails for London in two weeks.

ENTHUSIASTIC FOR HEARST

The Seaside Social Club of Ward 14 held an enthusiastic meeting last night and endorsed William Randolph Hearst for President. Gregory Hamilton, president of the club, was in the chair, and eight members were present.

Resolutions laudatory of Mr. Hearst were adopted amid great enthusiasm.

DR. MARY WALKER MORBID.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Dr. Mary Walker, in male attire, was mildly mobbed by several hundred children who participated in the Easter egg-rolling festival on the White House grounds. Policemen escorted her from the grounds in a fainting condition.

DODGE DIVORCE VALID.

NEW YORK, April 5.—Judge Truax, of the Supreme Court, decides the Dodge divorce valid, as well as the marriage by which the plaintiff afterward became the wife of Charles W. Morse.

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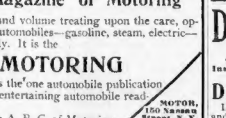

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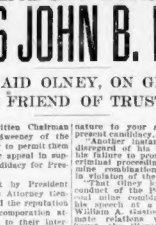

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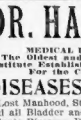

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BOYS PLEASED WITH TOWN

Special to the Boston American.

NEW ORLEANS, April 5.—Although the Boston world beaters have only been in the Crescent City a few hours, they have already begun to feel at home, so pleased they are with their quarters.

The weather has been of the best so far, and the grounds are fine for practice work.

The boys will only practice once a day, Captain Collins deciding that is enough to keep them limbered up. There is no desire to bring on "that tired feeling" from too much hustling on the diamond. Collins believes that the team will accomplish more when the season once begins if he gradually works the boys up to concert pitch.

So far the programme for the day has begun at the Young Men's Athletic Club, which the team has been given the use of. They dress there in the morning, and then walks out to the grounds. They uniform walk out to the grounds. They come an hour and a half of lively work, and then a walk back, a few of the men running to get off a little surplus flesh and improve their wind.

A plunge in the swimming tank at the club is followed by a hearty dinner.

The team has created genuine interest among the fans of the town, and Captain Collins has been besieged with numerous requests. Among them was one for one of the famous battery, Young and Criger, for at least part of the game on Sunday. Every one wants to see these noted ball players in action.

GRIER TOLD TO HURRY UP

As the time for the opening of the baseball season is drawing near, the Boston National team is fast whipping its absentees into line. Grier, from whom no word has been received for quite a length of time, has been notified by Secretary Billings to send either a signed or unsigned contract at once. Word is expected from him at any day.

Aubrey is another member of the team that has given the management a little trouble. The deal for the transfer of this player to Manager Flinn's aggregation at Little Rock was supposed to have been completed and the Boston management were to receive $100 advance money.

Now word is received that Aubrey kicks and refuses to play at Little Rock's price, so matters are at a standstill.

TEN-MILE RUN OF THE M. A. A.

The Middlesex A. A. will hold a ten-mile handicap cross-country run this evening, at 7:30 o'clock, from the clubhouse on Main street, Cambridge, to Chestnut Hill Reservoir, and return by the way of Main to Massachusetts avenue, to Beacon, out to Reservoir and back.

The seven men training for the Marathon race will start. Fay will be on scratch, with Patrick Sordon on the two-minute mark.

FORBES GOES TO LAWRENCE

Edward Forbes, the fast little West Quincy catcher, will report to Lawrence April 14. He will do the backstop work for this team, which gives promise of being one of the top-notchers in the New England league.

Forbes has signed an excellent reputation by reason of his superb playing with the fast professional team last year. He played with West Quincy, when it faced the cords of defeat around many of the fastest nines in New England.

DOG ENTRIES BREAK RECORD

PROVIDENCE, April 5.—More than 4000 entries have been received for the sixth annual bench show of the Rhode Island Kennel Club, to be held in Infantry Hall on April 18, 19 and 20. This is the largest number ever made in this State. The classes are well filled, bulldogs and French bulls predominating.

Not a few exhibitors will come here from the New Bedford show, which is held April 16.

Among the prominent kennels making entries are those of Thomas W. Lawson, Richard Croker, Jr., Walter H. Hanley, Miss Alice Brownell, Miss Alger with her famous spaniels, W. F. Codman, Mrs. Hunt of Boston with French bulls, Mrs. Scully of Fall River with whippets, the Grafton kennels with Scottish terriers, Arthur Merrill, Daniel Appleton, L. S. Ferris of Boston with poodles.

BRIGGS IS TOO MUCH FOR LOWERY

Boston Lad Wins from New Yorker in Fast 12-Round Bout at Portland.

MANY VISITORS SEE SPORT

Special to the Boston American.

PORTLAND, Me., April 5.—After one of the fastest twelve-round fights Maine sports ever saw, Jimmy Briggs, the Boston boxer, achieved a victory over Jack Lowery, of New York, at the Eastern A. C. clubhouse last night.

Ring fans from Lewiston, Bath, Rockland, Bangor, Boston and as far even as New York packed the auditorium to see the bout.

From the moment Referee Sheehan, of Boston, called "time" and the lads shook hands there was rapid going, in which Briggs took a leading part.

He was in the finest of condition for a long fight, and, being more clever, he carried the battle to Lowery all the while.

With lightning stabs and jolts which shook the Gotham lad almost off his feet, the Boston fighter started away in the lead.

Lowery knew, like all West Siders, how to block some and avoid stall, but no matter how high he put his guard Briggs would bore in with awful wallops which laid Lowery, in the early rounds, about out.

Game as a pebble, Lowery stuck to his hard task, and when the tenth round rolled around he picked up with a vengeance, and fought Briggs back inch by inch.

Then to the final session Briggs, strong, sure and fit to fight all night, pushed in left jabs and right swings which weakened Lowery again.

But the twelfth and last round was a corker, in which Lowery fairly shone.

He headers brought him back to life for a mere minute, and the spectators cheered and cheered the clever New Yorker for his exhibition of gameness.

But one decision, however, could be made as Briggs was there to the good all through. The crowd yelled applause to Lowery when he stepped out of the ring that he was able to put up such a good fight.

HERMIS LIVELY AS A KITTEN.

NEW YORK, April 5.—The Gravesend track is a pretty lively place, thanks to the balmy weather. All the cracks training at Gravesend are naked to do some work. McCheney turned five furlongs in 1:07, and Witchcraft, Stevedore and Grand Opera went the same distance in 1:06. Hermis was as lively as a kitten and bucked all around the track.

BOXING AT WEBSTER.

WEBSTER, April 5.—At the first show of the Lakeside A. C., in the opera house last night, Maurice Lemoyne, of Webster, went a draw with Kid Burns of Troy, N. Y. Burns led all the way, and the gong in the sixth barely saved Lemoyne.

BOSTON MADE SWATS COUNT

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 5.—The Boston Nationals did not have very sharp eyes on the ball in the game with the locals yesterday, but it must be said that when they did swat the sphere, they did so at the opportune time. It was a fine game throughout. Although Birmingham batted better than the visitors, their hits were not cast in pleasant tunings, and they were not able to send a man across the rubber.

Of the five hits secured by the Southerners, two were made off Stewart, and three off Willis, who occupied the slab the latter part of the game. The swats were clean enough, but were not bunched.

In the fourth, Delehanty walked and stole second. Connolly sent him in with a hit to left, and Stanley's two-sacker scored the Boston fielder.

Stanley's double and Tambett's fumble of Aubrey's scorcher, gave Boston another run in the sixth.

A pass in the seventh, followed by two errors, scored the visitors' last run. Stanley's batting was a feature, two doubles, scoring as many runs in four times at bat.

SMALL TALK FOR BASEBALL FANS

By The Fan.

Talk about your fashion plates! Wait until you see Manager Barrow's Detroit Tigers in their new traveling uniforms! It will be a sight that will make some of the small boy nines turn green with envy. Barrow is quite a connoisseur in matters pertaining to wearing apparel, and he says that he surpassed himself this season, would be putting it soft.

Big Ed Gremlinger could scarcely get anything more becoming than dove grey, with lavender stockings and trimmings.

This ought to make him a big drawing card on "Ladies' Day." It offsets his style of "beauty."

Imagine Wild Bill Donovan in these togs. And the coats! They're corkers. They are made of maroon-colored cloth, with grey pocket flaps, cuffs and collar, double-breasted, with two rows of pearl buttons as big as an oyster shell. Do you think Bill O'Loughlin will stand for this? Perhaps, though Barrow says "Detroit has a real club this year," but sometimes it is difficult to convince some people that they are not a victim of a delusion.

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All is not smooth sailing yet, in regard to the matter of Bill Dineen playing for the World's champions this year. In spite of Jimmy Collins' quiet assurance that Big Bill will be with us, don't be surprised if you hear he will toe the slab for some other club than the Hub.

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What a love feast! Down in Montgomery Buckenberger's home at Atlanta. The bonesetters were scheduled to play a game there Sunday, but a recent queer law enacted in the State called it off. By the way, the Giants will do some tall hustling if they defeat the local team. The World's champs only defeated them 2 to 1, after a long, hard battle.

Comiskey's White Sox went to the bat here to the tune of 8-4.

The Boston Nationals had anything but a walkover in a ten-inning game, winning out 5 to 4. Now it usually looks as if it were up to McGraw.

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Quite a novelty! Breitenstein, the old St. Louis wonder, pitted against Clarke Griffith and the Highlanders down in New Orleans. Victory for the Pelicans causes New York to brace up. Daniel was in the box and Tunlash substituted, accepting fifteen chances, without an error. His stick work, however, was not up to his usual standard.

Griffith was anything but pleased with the result of this game, but admits the boys have made a good showing on the trip.

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Jack Slattery, the Boston boy, who did such meritorious work behind the bat last year for Chicago, is having some difficulty with his contract for this season. Now perhaps in a case like this, where the owner rests between a player and the management of a club, the less said by outsiders seems to be more beneficial to all parties concerned. In the long run.

Still we cannot stand by idly, and see a good man pestered up, especially when that man's work has given satisfaction, and more so when he is full of great promise for the coming season. Last year, on account of Sullivan's illness, Jack divided the honors evenly with McFarland. His catching was of no mean order, and his batting was generally good.

Besides this, he was always on deck and did not mind the hard work when it was put upon him.

It seems the magnates have it on the players this year, good and hard.

No matter how good a man is, or what his feelings are, the iron will of the baseball "trust" decides what a man shall do and where he shall play. Slattery is not holding out for an increase in salary, as was stated some time ago, but is merely seeking redress in matter of reduction, which seems to be quite steep in his case.

Now he is a young man of the business and full of promise. He did good work and performed it faithfully. Let us hope that the management will look at Jack's case in the right spirit, and satisfy the earnest wish of the "fans" who wish to see the Hoosh-town boy get a chance, and they are sure he will make good.

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Secretary Billings has given Gene unill Saturday next to return a signed or unsigned contract. Nothing further has been heard from Beam.

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Nally Taylor, the veteran infielder, is at present at Hot Springs (Ark.) nursing out.

Newark has no further use for him, and he will probably be used in a trade.

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Ban Johnson's coming here Friday, the dickens he says.

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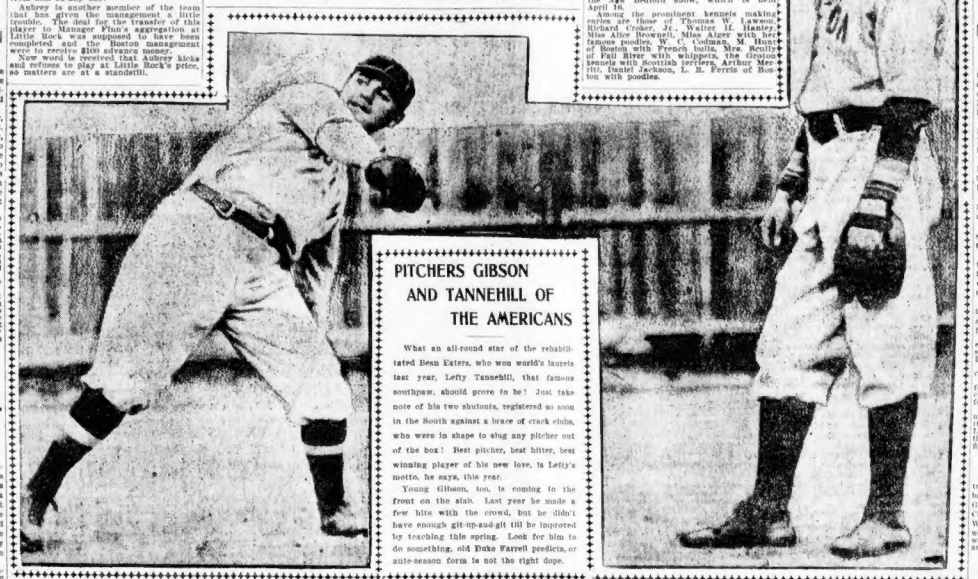
Hemphill will play with St. Louis again, despite a big cut in salary. How he'd like to be back again in Beaumville.



PITCHERS GIBSON AND TANNEHILL OF THE AMERICANS

What an all-round star of the rehabilitated Bean Eaters, who won world's laurels last year, Lefty Tannehill, that famous southpaw, should prove to be! Just take note of his two shutouts, registered so soon in the South against a brace of crack clubs, who were in shape to slug any pitcher out of the box! Best pitcher, best hitter, best winning player of his new love, is Lefty's motto, he says, this year.

Young Gibson, too, is coming to the front on the slab. Last year he made a few hits with the crowd, but he didn't have enough git-up-and-git till he improved by teaching this spring. Look for him to do something, old Duke Farrell predicts, or auto-season form is to hit the right dope.

YALE CREWS PROGRESSING

Special to the Boston American.

NEW HAVEN, April 5.—Candidates for the Yale crews are making rapid progress. The new system of coaching by which Cox's shell is native head has affected itself without friction. John Kennedy is still the right-hand man of captain and coaches, thoroughly familiar with every detail of stroke, rigging and training. Adams was coached by him, and is in accord in every way with the system which has kept Yale crews in front on the Thames course.

It is a style in Yale rowing founded on the "Leander" Cook school, which was the ablest and most successful organization of amateur graduate management in the history of American college rowing.

Captain Cross of this year's eight is not shorn of his direct authority over his men, which is in keeping with Yale's traditional policy of giving the "cap" a lot to say in the command of his crew.

Gaps in last year's eight were made by the departure of Bogue at stroke, Coffin at four, Judson at two and Waterman at bow, leaving half a boatload to be recruited from the material of the fast freshman crew of last season.

Filling Bogue's seat at stroke is the hardest aquatic problem at Yale. Adams, the stroke of the winning freshman crew, was removed from the list of possibilities by his election to the head coach. Whitney, the stroke of last year's freshman eight, is the most promising candidate for the position, but will need plenty of coaching before he gets into the proper shape.

Captain Cross has been shifted from No. 7 to the port side of the boat at stroke, but this is an experiment at present. For the time Cross has rowed on the starboard side, and Coffin has come to him to change his habit.

The 'Varsity launch has been pinched in commission, and is daily chasing an experimental first crew of nine oarsmen, announcement of the death of "Kit" Brown, owner of Cole's Island, Narragansett, that the Yale oarsmen think they had lost their privilege of training at the old white farmhouse. However, the heirs made a satisfactory contract with the oarsmen, and they will be housed at the little shack.

The squad at the training table will get a rest this week. This is a Yale tradition, as it has been the custom to keep the crews plugging away during the Easter vacation.

STOUGHTONS WANT GAMES.

The Stoughtons open the season May 14 with the strong Hyde Parks and will have a string of the fastest semi-professional teams in the State, backed by an association of 100 members. They are desirous of arranging games with Lynn, Milford, Pawtucket and Olneyville, both at home and away. Address John Hazelton, box 301.

McCLELLAND IN A DRAW.

SHARON, Pa., April 5.—Jack McClelland, of Titusville, and Tim Callahan, of Philadelphia, fought a ten-round draw before the Broadway Athletic Club last night.

"SUB" VICTOR IN BARE-FIST BOUT

With bare knuckles, for a $50 purse, Young Green, of Somerville, before 500 yelling fans, scored out Spike Healey, of Newton, at the end of twelve fierce rounds of a fight to a finish in Union square, Somerville, last night.

Up to the eleventh round Healey was all to the good, but to the big surprise of those who saw the battle, within a half-block of a police station, Young Green landed telling body blows, which gave him the upper hand in the final minutes.

Another boxer failed to show up and Young Green was substituted to fight Healey. In appears the sports, who got the "tip" there would be a hot scrap. Most of them came from Newton and Somerville, and a lot of money, put up on Healey, changed hands.

From start to finish the boys fought fast. Healey put it all over Green in the first round, and was so confident of victory that the home had would get put out.

Healey was scared out Spike Healey, range labs of Healey, until he could hardly see, but he stuck gamely to the centre of the ring of chairs, and clinched to save himself from further punishment every chance he had.

Healey was too confident that he had the fight clinched in the tenth round, and a kid ago to put him to the bad. His weakened from several more hard jabs near the ring and was very groggy when the twelfth round opened up. Green came stronger at the finish, and rushing Healey hard and fast slugged with left and right swings till he put the boy of Newton with a swinging jaw punch, down and out for keeps.

It was nearly half an hour after the fight before Healey was revived sufficiently to be sent home in a cab.

NEW COACH TAKES HOLD OF FOOTBALL

Wrightington has taken up the reins, and the fate of the Harvard football team of 1904 is now in his hands. The new head coach, attired in the black sweater with the big crimson "H," which he won when he was in Harvard in the 90's, made his first appearance on Soldier's Field yesterday afternoon, taking charge of the old players who answered the call for Spring practice.

There were about fifteen of these, Mills, Hurley, Derby, Parkinson, Schoolkopf and others, and these Wrightington directed in the art of catching the ball on a toss, falling to the ground, and still clutching the pigskin, rolling over and over. The head coach went at his work with a vim, showing the men by actually doing the trick himself many times. The rest of the time he would toss the ball to the players, and coach them in the art of falling properly.

Roger Derby, left tackle in the Yale game last year, had direction of the coaching of the new men, of whom there were twenty or more big fellows. Their practice consisted in the same work practiced by Wrightington's squad.

With the exception of men who turned out yesterday afternoon was disappointing to Coach Hurley and Captain Wrightington, the quality of the new material was of a high standard, and both captain and coach were pleased at the weight of the men. This is expected to alter as the new examinations come to a close in a few days, the number of men who will come out for football practice will be increased. Spring practice closes April 16.

BRIDGEWATER NINE IN FORM

BRIDGEWATER, April 5.—Numbering in its ranks five crackerjack players from South Boston, the Bridgewater Normal baseball nine is ready to clash with some of the strongest teams in the game.

That the management of the institution is full of the "get there" spirit is evidenced by the fact that already the men who are to play regularly on the nine have been chosen.

Last year Bridgewater won every game except one. The defeat was suffered at the hands of the Friend School, of Providence, in one of the hardest fought games in school diamond history, by a score of 2 to 1.

With only two new men playing, Bridgewater turned out a mighty swarm in the diamond circles. Every man is experienced and in good condition so his team, if Bridgewater doesn't secure every baseball honor in sight, its supporters will be sorely disappointed.

The contest that begins with South Boston is the true life and snap of the team. Jack Sullivan, of Boston, Lang, Keefe, Cahill, Hooley and Leander McDonald are the players from the Peninsular district that are delivering the goods like real expressmen.

Garden culture is cared for by Chester Miller, captain of the nine; John McDonald and F. O'Donnell. Fitzgerald makes the turf by in the neighborhood of bench stop. O'Brien gobbles up everything that comes in the range of the initial bag; Keefe holds down second base; McDonald takes care that no grass grows under his feet for third base; Hooley nails all the balls that come within speaking distance of shortstop.

TUFTS HOUNDS AFTER HARES

The outlook for a good track team at Tufts this Spring is now very bright. Especially in the long distant running line will Tufts be strong.

Captain Goodwin had a big squad out yesterday afternoon for a hare and hound chase, which was about five miles in length, and in which the men finished as follows: Captain Scrobortis, '04, first; Lauchon, '07, second, and Harold L. Gordon, '05, third.

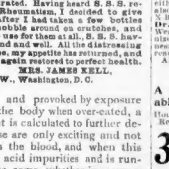
The hares were Dr. C. C. Strand and Winfield T. Dunn, '07.

VANDERBILT ENTERS MANY

Reginald Vanderbilt will enter Surprise and Astonishment in the Boston Horse Show. This pair was awarded the reserve championship in New York last November, and also won three feats. Fancy and Fan, a new pair of high steppers, belonging to Mrs. Vanderbilt, will also be entered.

Other Vanderbilt exhibits will be White Oak and Amusement—the latter a favorite of Mr. Vanderbilt's, being shown for the first time. Dr. Heiwood (new), a gig horse; Musette and Avis.

SUMMER RHEUMATISM



The idea that Rheumatism is strictly a winter disease, that comes from exposure or cold, is wrong; a spell of indigestion, torpidity of the liver, inactive state of the kidneys, or sudden cooling of the body when over-heated, being frequent causes of an attack. Rheumatism is due to an over-acid condition of the blood and bad circulation. As it flows through the body the blood deposits an acrid corrosive sediment in the joints and muscles, and the circulation grows sluggish because of the constant accumulation of acid impurities, and when the system is in such condition Rheumatism is liable to come out at any time, winter or summer. It is hastened and provoked by exposure to cold, damp air, sudden cooling of the body when over-eated, a bad spell of indigestion, or anything that is calculated to further derange the kidneys and impede the system; but these are only exciting and not the real cause of Rheumatism. It is in the blood, and when this vital fluid becomes overcharged with the acid impurities and is running riot in the veins, an attack is sure to come, whether in summer time or the cold, bleak days of winter. You are a slave to pain as long as the blood is tainted with acid. Liniments and plasters are helpful and useful, but it takes something more than rubbing and blistering to drive away this demon of pain. S. S. S. goes to the seat of the trouble, enters the circulation, neutralizes and filters out of the blood the acid poisons. It enriches and strengthens the weak, diseased blood; the general health improves under its tonic effect, and when rich, pure blood begins to circulate through the stiff joints and sore, tender muscles, pains and aches vanish, and the longed-for relief comes to the nervous, pain-tortured sufferers. S. S. S. contains no minerals, but is guaranteed purely vegetable. No charge for medical advice. Our book on Rheumatism, telling of the different form, is mailed free.

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SYNOPSIS.

Bassett and green-sight gang kill "Pinky," the Britisher, and steal his money. They set fire to his shop and accuse Ralph Leslie, who is engaged to the old man's niece, Agnes Carlton, of the murder. Bassett has Agnes absorbed and Ralph is thrown into prison.

CHAPTER II.—CONTINUED.

"VILLAIN!" he hissed as his poor old body sank to the floor. He had been standing at the head of the stairs and rolled down them as he fell.

Bassett snatched up the satchel and took a last look around him. The lighted candle might be useful. He took it, and as he reached the ground set fire to the bundle of rags that lay close to the house.

"That will cover up the crime and do away with the lover," he muttered.

When Ralph recovered from the blow he had received he looked down and saw the body. "Mr. Carlton! blood! dead! murdered!" flames shot through the window. They were so close that he could feel the heat from them. "My God! they have set fire to the house!"

He gathered all his strength. By incredible efforts he broke the ropes that bound him. Then he grabbed a chair, and, smashing the window, took the old man's body on his back and dragged it to the street. Fire bells rang, people rushed madly into the street. First of all, Billy saw Ralph as he stood there, the dead body at his feet. "What's this?" he exclaimed in awe-struck tones.

"Murder!" said Ralph.

"Yes, murder. And there stands the murderer!" announced a deep voice from behind them, and the hand of the speaker pointed unmistakably at Ralph.

CHAPTER III.

FIVE days had passed, and Ralph had been thrown in prison. He stood at the door of his cell talking to the other unfortunates, his companions. One of them had just finished a song, and Ralph clapped his hands. "Great, Willie, great! If it wasn't for you and some of the others that occasionally make things lively a day in this gloomy old prison would seem like eternity."

Willie shook his head thoughtfully. "I don't mind the time. You see, my friend, I'm a regular guest here. My five days' vacation is up to-day."

"Ah, yes; so I understand. What were you locked up for?"

"I got pinched for stealing a string of frankfurters from Dutch Jake on the Bowery. My, but I was hungry that night!"

"Poor fellow," said Ralph, sympathetically. "Here's the price of a square meal when you get out." He passed Willie a bill through the bars.

The poor man snatched it eagerly. "Great Scott! If it ain't a whole dollar! I say, young man, you're a brick. And they say you committed murder? I'd stake my life on your innocence. I only wish I could help you."

"Thank you," said Ralph. "I have no fear of proving my innocence. But the thought of being confined here while one who is all the world to me may be suffering untold agony drives me almost mad."

"Ah, you're in love, I see," said Willie wisely. "Well, I, too, was in love once. That's what drove me to drink. I was not always as you see me now. I had a home and friends and money. Again he paused and shook himself. His tone changed. "Well, what's the use of bringing up bygone memories? I say, is there anything I can do for you when I get out? I ain't very presentable looking, but you can trust me to do the right thing."

"No, thank you; there is nothing you can do," said Ralph.

Loud talking was heard outside the gate and very soon Mrs. O'Brien's portly form appeared behind the bars. "Hello, there's McGuckin," she shouted. The keeper crossed over and let her in.

"McGuckin has a handle to his name," he said, with a laugh.

"Indeed," said the Irishwoman. "You're gettin' a swelled head since you've been appointed keeper and you give the Chinaman your shirts to do up. Well, then, how does Patsy McGuckin suit you?"

"Patrick, if you please."

"Paddy was good enough for you when you hung around the corner saloon."

"Have done!" said the indignant keeper. "Who do you want to see?"

"Well, indeed, I didn't come to see you. I came to see a gentleman." Then, catching sight of Ah Sling's cell: "Ho there's that pigtail that struck me." She walked over and stood in front of the cell with arms akimbo. "You yellow dog, you will strike a woman? Well, how do you like your new lodgings?"

"You lyin' dirty Irishy sloh," said Ah Sling, thinking he was safely out of reach behind the bars.

Mrs. O'Brien jumped in fury. "I'm a big Irish sloh, am I?" Snatching up a bowful of rice, she dashed it in his face, then made a wild rush and grabbed his pigtail, pulling it through the bars. "I'll pull you out of the cell and break every bone in your body." Loud cries from the poor Chinaman attracted the keeper's attention. He pushed Mrs. O'Brien aside. "Here! Why don't you let that Chinaman alone! if you don't behave yourself I'll put you out." Mrs. O'Brien rolled up her sleeves and slapped her hands together as she stood squarely in front of him. "Come on now! I've got my finish up and I can lick a dozen Chinamen and Patsy McGuckin besides."

"I wouldn't waste my breath on you," said the keeper, walking away.

This was the last straw for the widow.

"You'd better not get too fresh, yer sapling, or I'll tell Mr. Finnigan on you. I've a bit of a pull with Matt myself. Matt's a gintleman and ain't niver wid back on me. I washed his shirts when he drove a truck and I'm the washin' 'oman of his leader of the district, an' no Chinaman for Matt!"

Having delivered herself of this speech, Mrs. O'Brien seemed to feel better. She walked over to Ralph's cell. "How are you to-day, Mr. Leslie?"

"Quite well, thank you, Mrs. O'Brien." "I brought you a couple of cigars."

"You are very kind."

"And here's a couple of fine big apples."

"You have been extravagant, I fear," said Ralph, thanking her heartily.

"Extravagant! no indeed. "Why haven't I been doing up your shirts for the past three years, God bless you."

"Tell me, Mrs. O'Brien," said Ralph anxiously, "is there any news from Agnes?"

"I'm sorry to say they've heard nothing from her."

"Perhaps Nellie has news. Will she be here to-day?"

"Yes, she told me she would come. But to think that you should be charged with the murder of Mr. Leslie. It's awful! Who'd a' thought Bassett that accused you of the crime?" she added fiercely.

"He claims he is a great friend of Agnes's guardian." Ralph answered, "and that he had an appointment with him on the night of the murder. I was in the shop along with Mr. Leslie when Mr. Carlton drew some money from the bank the same day, and I suppose Bassett knew it. In view of my coming marriage to Agnes, would be a gainer by the old man's death, up."

SOMETHING SEEMED TO CATCH AT ROSE'S THROAT.

But God knows I am innocent, and I will never rest till I hunt down the man that committed the crime."

An Ralph finished speaking, Nellie appeared at the gate.

"Hello, Nellie, how's Billy?" asked the keeper as he let her in.

"Well, thank you," she answered in her cheery tone.

"You're looking out of sight, Nellie. You are getting prettier every day," the man said as he looked admiringly at her.

"Tut, tut, McGuckin. You are almost as bad as Matt Finnigan. He told me at the ball the other night if I wasn't Billy's steady he'd step to me himself. I just said leader and all as he was I'd rather have Billy. How's Mr. Leslie?"

"Quite well, only a little downcast. I try to cheer him up, but this trouble seems to be weighing heavily on his mind."

"That's right, I guess it does. How about that man Bassett? Has he been here to-day?"

"Not to-day."

Mrs. O'Brien, who had been engaged in a whispered conversation with Ralph, and only overheard Nellie, "Tim, here she is."

"Nellie, have you heard anything from Agnes?" Ralph inquired anxiously. His tone and manner expressed the deep love he bore the sweet girl he feared was lost to him forever. Still he hoped against hope and if ever he was free no stone would be left unturned till he found her.

"Not a word," said Nellie sadly.

Poor Ralph, big, strong man that he was, the news seemed almost more than he could bear. If he only knew that the girl he loved was safe his own trouble would be as nothing.

"This suspense is torture," he cried.

"Cheer up, Mr. Ralph," said Nellie, hopefully. "This mystery will soon be cleared up."

"Tell Billy to let me know as soon as he hears of the slightest clue," said Ralph as he sank in a dejected attitude on his hard, narrow prison bed.

"You may rest assured he'll do that," Nellie answered.

The keeper told Nellie and Mrs. O'Brien it would soon be time for the prisoners' exercise, and that if they cared they might take a stroll and look at the women's ward. They went away with good-bye to Ralph and a request to come soon again. At the gate they met a pretty, sad-looking woman.

"I wish to see Mr. Leslie," they heard her say.

CHAPTER IV.

"VERY well, madam. Step this way, please."

The woman was tall, beautiful and very well dressed. Her face bore the trace of deep suffering. As she passed the keeper she took a bill from her purse and said to him very quietly, "Buy some little delicacies for Mr. Leslie with this."

"Very well, madam. Who shall I say sent them?"

"Oh, never mind. Just say it was a lady who wishes him well."

"All right, madam. You will find Mr. Leslie in the first cell to the left."

The keeper watched her as she moved timidly toward Ralph's cell. He wondered who she was and why she came to such a place.

The woman paused and looked around here. The dark and gloom of the old prison struck terror to her heart. "What a terrible thing it is to be imprisoned like this," she said quietly. At the bars of the cell she stopped. "I beg your pardon, sir, but are you Mr. Leslie?"

"That is my name," Ralph answered, indifferently.

"I heard about your imprisonment and I thought I should like to see you."

Ralph sat up quickly. "Well, madam, am I a curiosity?"

"Oh, no. It isn't that, I wished to speak to you."

"Very well," he answered carelessly. "Anything to pass the time."

"They say you killed Mr. Carleton."

"I am accused of the crime," he answered in a cold voice.

"By Jeffery Bassett?" she asked, breathlessly.

"Yes."

Something seemed to catch at Rose's throat. She reeled and saved herself from falling by clutching to the bars of the cell.

"Why, what's the matter, madam? Are you ill?"

"No, no."

"You know Jeffery Bassett?" he asked, in a cold voice.

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LARGE HOUSES GREET BRILLIANT EASTER SHOWS

Maxine Elliott Has "Her Own Way" at Hollis, and Lulu Glaser Makes Hit.

Revival of "My Aunt Bridget" Happy Venture, and Business Is Big All Around.

It is not difficult to see why Maxine Elliott had long, consecutive runs at four New York theatres with her new Clyde Fitch play, "Her Own Way." She opened a fortnight's engagement in it at the Hollis Street Theatre, last evening, and even the opening of the grand opera season couldn't keep hundreds of fashionable people away. The audience was large. More to the point, it was exceedingly appreciative. Miss Elliott received no less than twelve curtain calls.

In two lower boxes sat a number of members of the star's family. Forbes Robertson, who is in Boston to play "Hamlet," at Harvard, with his sister, Miss Gertrude Elliott, were in one box. In another were Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Goodwin, Sr., parents-in-law of Miss Elliott, and Edward Goodwin, Jr., Goodwin's brother and the brother-in-law. They were greatly pleased and showed it—at the reception on the star appearance as an individual star in Boston.

In many respects "Her Own Way" is one of the cleverest things Clyde Fitch has written. Although it borders on the melodramatic at times, and abounds less in smart epigrams than his other works, it will lose nothing by comparison.

Miss Elliott has never looked better than this year. Her characters of forgiftable Cissy in this latest piece suits her admirably. As the hoyden, devoted, fickle, impulsive girl who sees her entire family ruined rather than save one by marrying the man she loves, does not love, her work was evenly good, rising at times to a degree of strength that has not shown heretofore.

As Sam Grant, the unprincipled lover, William Courtleigh made, next to the star, the hit of the piece. Eva Vincent was satisfactory as the stepmother, and Georgia Lawrence, as the half sister.

The epigrams bear the Fitch trade-mark. They are well off here. She brought a most always does the worst things with the best intentions. Unhappily for Cissy, in that's impossible. Why, she's married in the end, and the queen was good

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Democratic Conservatism

What It Means to Democrats, as Well as to the Public Generally

(Letter by William Randolph Hearst to the Albany, N. Y., Democracy, Read in Stanwix Hall, Albany, Last Saturday Night.)

Hon. Melvin G. Palliser: I appreciate the honor of your invitation to dine and discuss with you the Democratic situation in connection with the coming campaign, and I regret that I cannot be with you in person.

If I may contribute a few words to your discussion, in response to your request, I should like to consider the question of conservatism in the party.

The Democratic party has always been and should always be conservative. But there should be no mistake as to what Democratic conservatism means. The Democrats mean to conserve Democratic traditions and the people's rights. They mean to keep alive the belief that all men really are created equal.

The Democrats mean to conserve whatever is truly popular, truly Democratic and truly American in our form of government.

The Democrats mean to preserve and perpetuate whatever has created the greatness and glory of our country and promoted the freedom, enlightenment and happiness of the American people.

The Democrats mean to adhere to the idea that their candidates should represent them and not some financial influence responsible for the candidate.

The Democrats intend also to cling to the old Democratic idea that the people themselves have a right to know what their candidate believes and what his policies are on all public questions.

To avow frankly a candidacy for high office, coupling a full expression of opinions with a direct appeal to the people, has been called incorrect, because not conventional.

I am aware that such a course is not correct from the standpoint of the professional politician, who carries his candidate, as it were, in a covered basket, like a farmer taking a goose to market. But I believe that in the estimation of the American people frankness and directness represent the Democratic idea, and this question I submit to my friends gathered together this evening.

Should not a Democratic candidate for any high office make his opinion on every public question known to the people in the fullest detail? Should he not take the people entirely into his confidence and repose the utmost confidence in them?

IF A MAN REALLY MEANS TO SERVE THE PEOPLE LET HIM GO TO THEM FOR HIS NOMINATION, and then, when he is elected, he will represent only the people, and owe his preferment to the people alone.

The people will know what he **BELIEVES IN.** He will be pledged to the promises on which he has personally and directly gone before them, and it will be his duty to carry out those promises.

Under such circumstances there will be nothing to hinder him from putting into operation the ideas that have secured public indorsement, and he will be under obligation to no power or influence except the people of the United States.

This is in no sense an innovation, but is, in point of fact, a return to the original plan and idea of government of this republic. The chief magistracy of the United States is the highest and most responsible office in the world, and the people whose suffrages are invoked to elevate a citizen to this dignity and to this responsibility are entitled to know in the fullest and minutest details his opinions and policies.

NOTHING LESS THAN THIS IS JUST AND FAIR TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND NOTHING LESS THAN THIS SHOULD BE ACCEPTED BY THE AMERICAN VOTER.

No man in a representative government has a right to expect a vast Democratic electorate to accept him upon a blind confidence in general character. For even the most honest men may entertain views and lean to policies that may be as mistaken as they are sincere.

The people whose interests are involved have a right to hear definitely and clearly just what they may expect from one who seeks to be the executive of the laws and the leader of the policies under which they prosper or decline.

No man has a right to be silent or to be indefinite when he stands in this lofty candidacy before the ballots of his countrymen. In this attitude, speech is honorable and clearness is indispensable.

This was the doctrine and the custom of the fathers. Thomas Jefferson put it into practice. From first to last he led the thought of his countrymen. He appealed directly to the people, and from the writing of the Declaration of Independence to his last political document he did not hesitate to say what he thought and where he stood on every political question. He did not address his letters and public documents to any political boss or to the owners of the political boss, but addressed them directly and frankly to the people.

No man ever voted for Thomas Jefferson under a misapprehension of his views and policies. He carried all his candidacies direct to the people, and the statement to-day that a campaign of this kind is an innovation only serves to show how far we have departed from the original methods and traditions of the fathers of the Republic.

If I have dealt frankly and openly and directly with the American people in the issues involved in this national campaign, it is because of good Democratic precedent, because I am profoundly impressed with the dangers that menace the government and the people in the unlimited power and in the apparently unlimited greed of certain trusts and syndicates, and because I am profoundly concerned for the abatement of the evil tendencies which I cannot fail to observe. No man should remain silent when conscious of danger and of duty, and no man should be inactive when there is so much to be done.

WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST.

FIGHT TRUSTS TO FINISH.

Editor BOSTON AMERICAN:

When will the trusts be thwarted in their dastardly attempts to crush the workingmen to the earth? Your great paper has fought them well, exposed them time and again, and if other newspapers would only take up the fight with you, they would be driven to bay. As it is, they have already felt the efforts of the attacks made upon them by the papers of Mr. Hearst. WILLIAM CANE.

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A STUDY IN HEREDITY.

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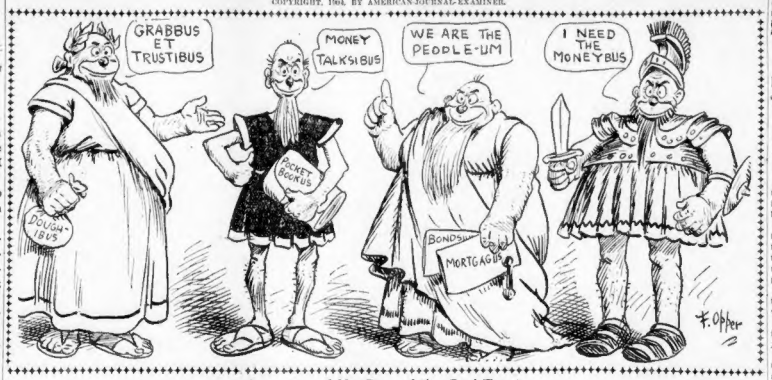


Ancestors of Mr. Baer of the Coal Trust.

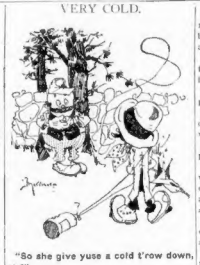
HIS LICENSE.

MEEK STRANGER—Say, are you sure that was a marriage license I got last month?
CLERK—Of course, why?
M. S.—Because ever since I used it I've been treated like a dog!

CONSOLATION.

"Now that you are going to Europe, I suppose I'll have to content myself with staying at home."
"Yes, but I'll send you a lot of souvenir postal cards."

VERY COLD.



"So she give yuse a cold t'row down, eh?"
"Yep! She t'rew down some cold chicken and ice cream from outer de winder!"

THE ONLY WAY.

"Yes, Mamie, de only ting dat'll rouse me from dis Spring fever attack is er strong dose of circus parade!"

A QUANDARY.

"If I pick that up it's bound to be a joke. If I don't pick it up it's dollars to doughnuts it will be full of bills, so what's a fellow going to do?"

BOUND TO BE TRUE.

Isn't it lovely! And it only cost a little more than an automobile!

A COUNTERBALANCE.

"So they have silly looking boys like you to take care of these bowling alleys?"
"Course they have. Don't silly looking people come around here to bowl?"

NO COMPLIMENT.

"See here, Jimmie, I'll invite you ter me party if you'll be sure an' send your regrets."

A REBUKE.

"Here, yer big bully, stop jumping on dat little kid an' fight er guy of yer own size!"

Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

How Thoughts Bring Health.

BY ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

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These are days of stress and strain for the denizens of large towns. The rapid methods of life, the crowded centres, the mad desire for wealth, the necessity for money, the wrong ideas of what is needed to sustain the body, all induce sickness and suffering.

Just now, when Winter is making its final stupendous effort to dominate and to retard the approach of Spring, only the well-balanced and perfectly poised mind can hope to retain harmonious physical conditions.

But the one thing to keep in our thought is the fact of the power of our words to affect other people.

Let us not talk sickness and suffering to the exclusion of all other subjects.

By this, I would not be understood to advocate the wooden-faced expression and cold-eyed indifference of many Christian Scientists, and others, when a physical ailment is mentioned in their presence.

Smile them into other paths of conversation; do not snowball them out, or pelt them with icicles.

If we are ailing ourselves, and if our appearance indicates it, there is no wisdom in a flat denial of the fact. Better far to say, "Yes, I am a bit out of condition, but it is only temporary. Please think for me as in perfect health and that will help me to restore harmonious conditions." Then lead to other subjects of conversation, and make your listeners forget your indisposition.

That wonderful cures of alarming illnesses are performed by mental processes are daily proved. And these cures are growing more and more frequent as the power of the spirit becomes more universally recognized.

Yet there are hundreds of spiritual minded beings who do recognize the truth of the law, and who are not always able to illustrate it by maintaining perfect health.

But one thing we can do; however we may fail by the waysides now and then ourselves we can avoid spreading the mental microbes of distress by continual harping upon the theme of sickness at this time of the year.

If we see crape on a door we cannot deny that a physical body lies within, deprived of its life power. Yet we need not carry the mould of the grave in our faces as we walk the streets, or talk of nothing but shrouds and hearses to the friends we encounter.

The approach of Spring is near. Remember that and let there be warmth and perfume and hope blossoming through your words, and sunshine in your face as you pass along your way.

Words are great forces in the realms of life.
Be careful of their use. Who talks of hate,
Of poverty, of sickness, but sets rife
These very elements to mar his fate,

When love, health, happiness and plenty hear
Their names repeated ever day by day,
They wing their way like unseen fairies near,
Then nestle down within our homes to stay.

Who talks of evil conjures into shape
The formless thing that gives it life and scope.
This is the law. Then let no word escape
That does not breathe of everlasting hope.

The Girl Who Would Look Like a Princess.

BY H. R. R. HERTZBERG.

Is it not true that every Eve-daughter in this Eve-daughters' Paradise, the United States of America, cherishes a sort of undefined but very real ambition to look like a "princess?"

As a matter of fact, the average American girl looks more attractive than the average "princess." But that is an irrelevant sentence.

And—carrying the initial question a bit further—is it not also true that not a few of the aforesaid Eve-daughters attempt to accomplish the object of their ambition by assuming what they fondly consider the proper princess-brand of haughtiness?

You can't mistake them. An artificial elevation of the eyebrows; an upward tilt of the chin one and one-half degrees more pronounced than need be; a woodenness of the lips that isn't natural in the case of a real fun-loving American, and a certain conscious stiffness of manner and bearing, united in one woman, establish her as being one of those who wish to look like "princesses."

They are not captivating women in that stage. Besides, they are mistaken. Princesses—the better class of princesses—do not carry their haughtiness, if they have any, on exhibition, through the streets.

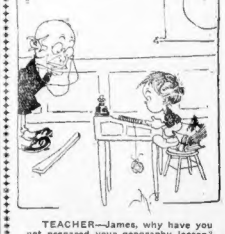
I have known but three princesses in my life, the daughters of the Grand Duke of Hesse, one of whom is now the Czarina of Russia, while another is the wife of Prince Henry of Prussia, Emperor William's brother. They were young girls then, and charming girls.

"Debonair"—the word describes them—debonair, smiling, gentle-voiced and ever ready to acknowledge by bows and pleasant glances the salutations of the people; they did not feel the least necessity for emphasizing their position of first ladies of the little land by any show of haughtiness.

And yet, they looked like princesses, all right enough. They looked like something more, too, like clean, sweet, tender-hearted, gentle women.

Wherefore, O American Eve-daughters, if you're convinced that you must look like princesses, suppose you try to look like these?

JUST KIDS.



TEACHER—James, why have you not prepared your geography lesson?
JIMMIE—Why, you told us yesterday ter map of de world was changin' each year. I'm waitin' fer things to git settled!

THE KID—Polly want a cracker?
THE BOSTON BIRD—Er, is that merely an inane attempt to engage me in conversation or a bona-fide offer of refreshment?

TEACHER—Johnnie, how dare you hand me in such a flimsy excuse!
JOHNNIE—Well, ma'm, I knowed it wus pretty bum, but I found two four-leaf clovers on de way to school and thought I'd take a chanst!

SHE (ecstatically)—Oh, Jimmie, how did you happen ter git engaged to me?
HE—Well, you see, I got de ring in a popcorn package, an' I had ter do somethin' wit it!

Trees, As the Train Goes By.

Trees, as the train goes by,
How hurriedly they fly!
You can but guess their outlines, not
grasp them, tho' you try.

Thus, as you travel on
The train of life, are gone,
Before you've seen them, chances for
noble deeds, my son.

Follicules.

Every man should have a fair trial, even he who doesn't deserve it.

Do not wrong the mule by comparing it to the professional kicker. The mule kicks for some real, definite reason.

I have known men who were so fond of hard luck that they never bought an apple without hoping to find a worm in it.

I've known many a vicious person to possess one great, aggressive virtue—like the big diamond in a prosperous gambler's shirt-front.

Without being an autograph fiend, I don't think I'd refuse to accept a collection of the signatures of the world's greatest living financiers—at the right-hand corner of checks.